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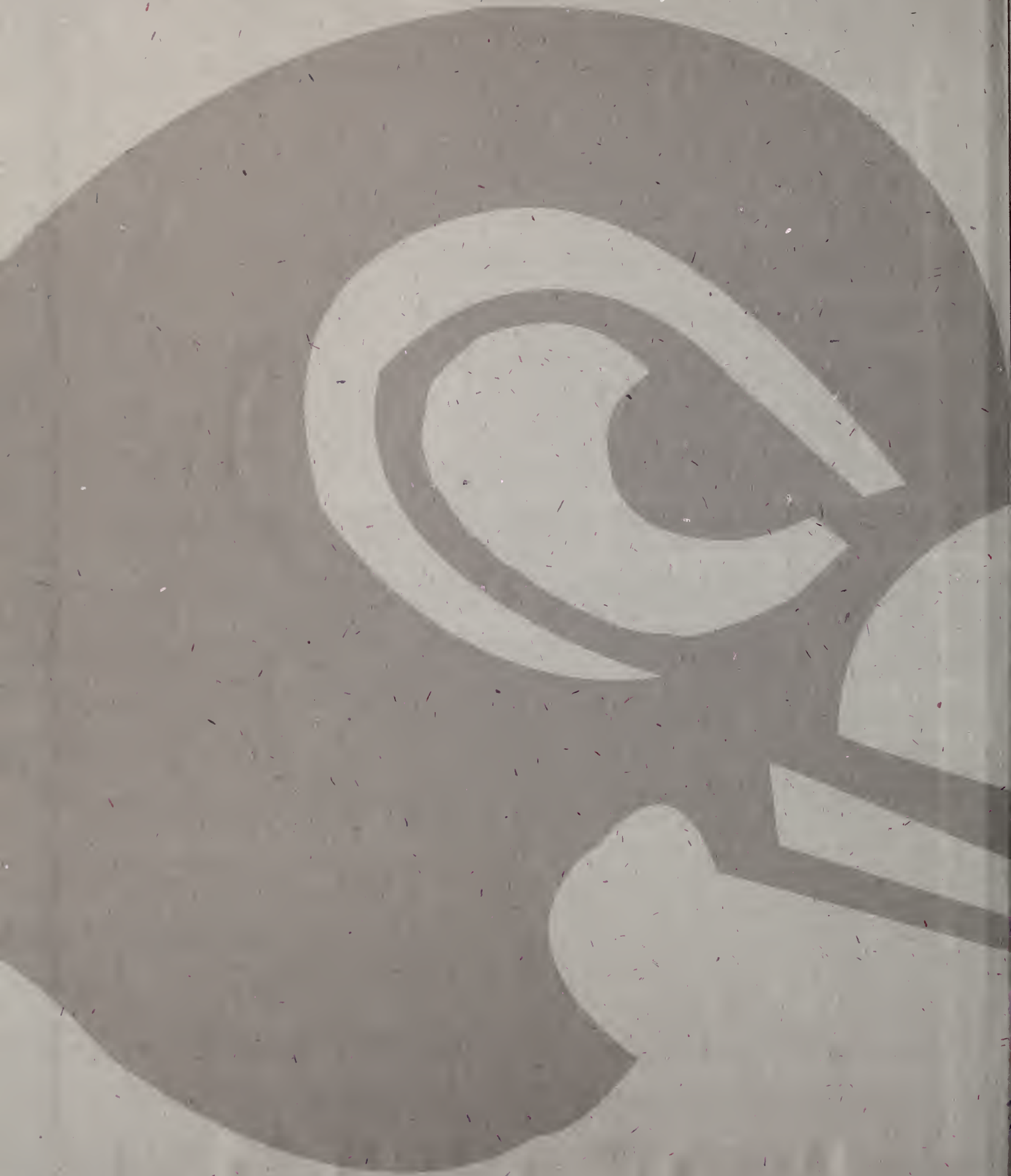

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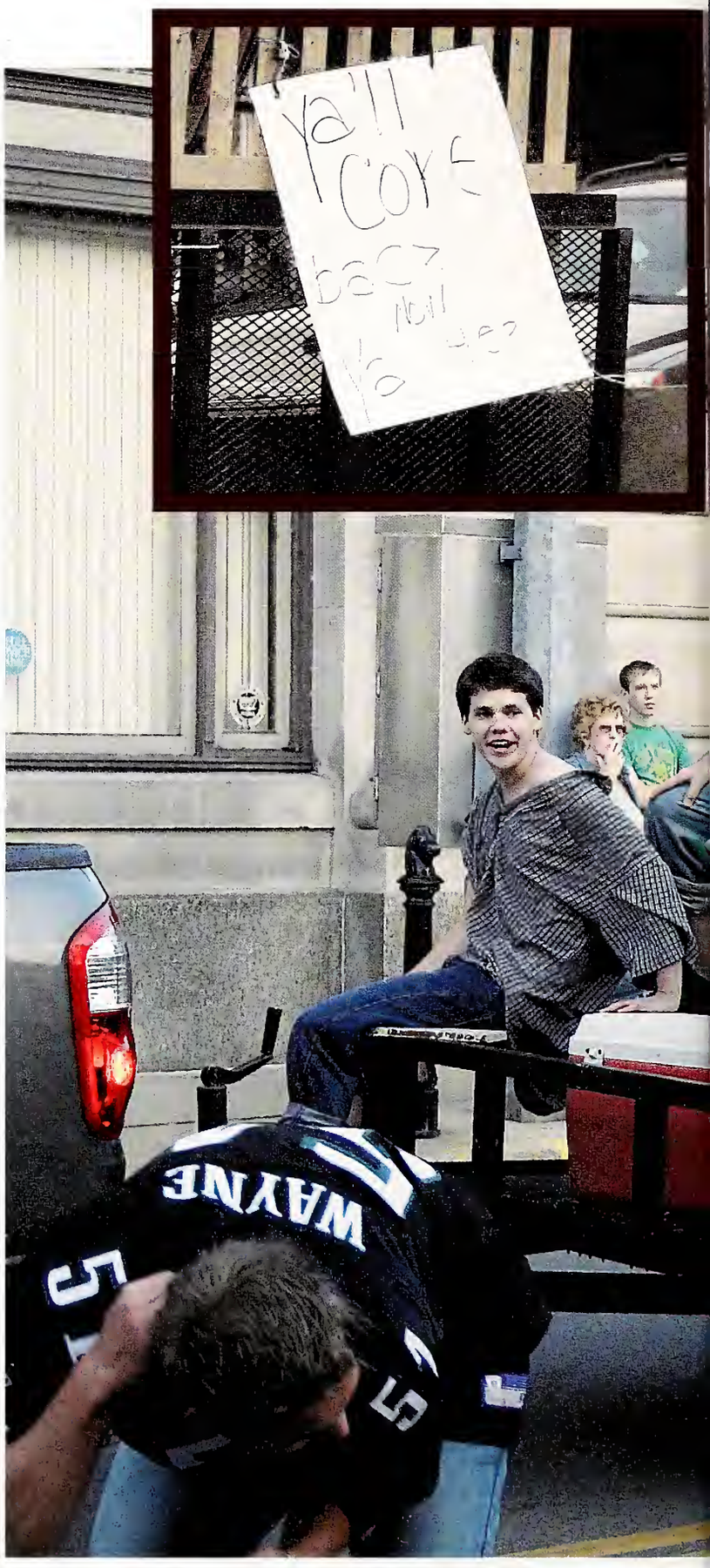
When walking across the campus, through the buildings' halls, or in the Falcon Center, one only receives a glimpse into what college life is all about. Even these words you are reading cannot unfold the entire essence of an academic year, they do have the power to provoke memories, and these times are surely something to look at. The memories—the experiences—are what make the pictures and events of this book come to life, as every set of eyes witnesses them and every mind perceives them in different ways.

Fairmont State University is clearly more than meets the eye. Classes and organizations magnify students' abilities and achievements, while the new Falcon Center expands its facilities to include the campus cafeteria, the Nickel, and the bookstore. Members of the faculty and staff provide meaningful learning and helpful services. Student organizations plan many community and campus events, and individual students volunteer for charitable causes. While the library undergoes construction inside, students ambitiously work on papers and projects, check WEBCT, and indulge their new obsession with Facebook. Members of sports teams dedicate their free time from class and work to hours of practice and games. Students living in the dorms enjoy and adjust to their home away from home.

Transforming the ordinary outlook of college life with the personalities and aspirations that make it *real*, the scope is broadened…the opportunities opened...the times remembered. Fairmont State's ever-growing structures and programs possess a wide depth of field that cannot be disguised nor distorted, as the distance of various visions are virtually infinite.

By Rachel Skubis

DELTA XI OMICRON STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE 2005 HOMECOMING PARADE. **MOUND PHOTOS BY DENISE STUTLER**



STUDENT LIFE

James Dean was present for
Hollywood on the Hill inside the
new falcon center
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Hollywood on The Hill

Homecoming Week was filled with events worthy of star-appeal. With the theme, "Hollywood on the Hill," Homecoming Week October 10-15 was complete with the annual parade and pep rally as well as a Hollywood Game Show, Mega Flix and Freaky Snapshots, Mingle with the Stars Party, and other events.

The Hollywood Game Show was a competition between campus organizations, sororities, and fraternities. Given audio and visual clues about popular movies, students tried to be the quickest to the buzzer to confirm their media knowledge and win prizes. On the second floor of the Falcon Center, students got their pictures taken with humorous and unique computer-generated backgrounds and lip-synched to songs in "Making The Video." The Mingle with the Stars Party was made up of a variety of games at booths from different campus groups. Senior Chris Shriver of Phi Epsilon Kappa stated: "I was surprised by the number of people there. PEK is an honorary physical education organization some students might have not known about if they weren't there that night." The night ended with a lip-sync contest, where members of organizations got to strut their stuff and provide plenty of laughs and applause from the crowd.

The annual Homecoming parade is always an enjoyable time for the community, as they line the sidewalks of downtown Fairmont to view floats and hear the band. The pep rally provided further energy as the cheerleaders and campus organizations provided entertainment to the crowd of Fairmont State enthusiasts. Junior Michelle Nabers, a member of Delta Zeta, said: "I was very surprised about our winning of the Spirit Stick. We all were really excited, and it's great to know our pride in Fairmont State is recognized." Dates and friends met for a night of fun and elegance at Westchester Village, and the following night, football players and fans alike gathered for the game against the University of Charleston on Duvall-Rosier Field.

Along with these social activities, Student Government and student organizations participated in community service projects. With the assistance of the Fairmont State Bookstore, student organizations collected children's books for Marion County Head Start. With the help of Barnes and Noble, Student Government brought the children from Edgemont Headstart to the Falcon Center. Children designed t-shirts, ate snacks, listened to Dr. Seuss's "Horton Hears a Who" and received copies to take home with them. "I think it's important for us as student leaders to provide positive role models to these children because many of them come from high risk backgrounds," Student Government President Shane Livingston explained.

Homecoming events are a Fairmont State tradition, giving students the opportunity to volunteer in meaningful community-driven activities and memorable social events. This year, all students had the chance to be a star, giving or receiving the spotlight.

By Rachel Skubis

Homecoming 2005 Events

Representing Phi Sigma Phi, cowboy Bill Ferrell sings his heart out during a lip-syncing contest for the homecoming event "Mingle with the Stars." **Below** Fairmont State students show their enthusiasm during homecoming events.

FIGHTING FALCONS

Fairmont State students show their pride throughout homecoming.
Photos by Denise Stutler and John Piscitelli

TOUCHDOWNS

After being crowned, king Justin Michael and Queen Levon Pritt walk back to the stands to enjoy their victory and the FSU homecoming festivities.

Far left Top Drew Cochran and Tyler Bailey watch intensely as the FSU falcons compete against the University of Charleston.

Far left below David Hill, #72, hits a UC player to send him flying.

Quarterback John Rahl, #11, uses great mobility and coordination to scramble out of the pocket to look for an open receiver.

Below Laurie Johnston prepares to distribute small plastic footballs druing homecoming.

AND CROWNS

VETERANS

Fairmont State's military veterans were honored in a special Veterans' Day ceremony in the Falcon Center.

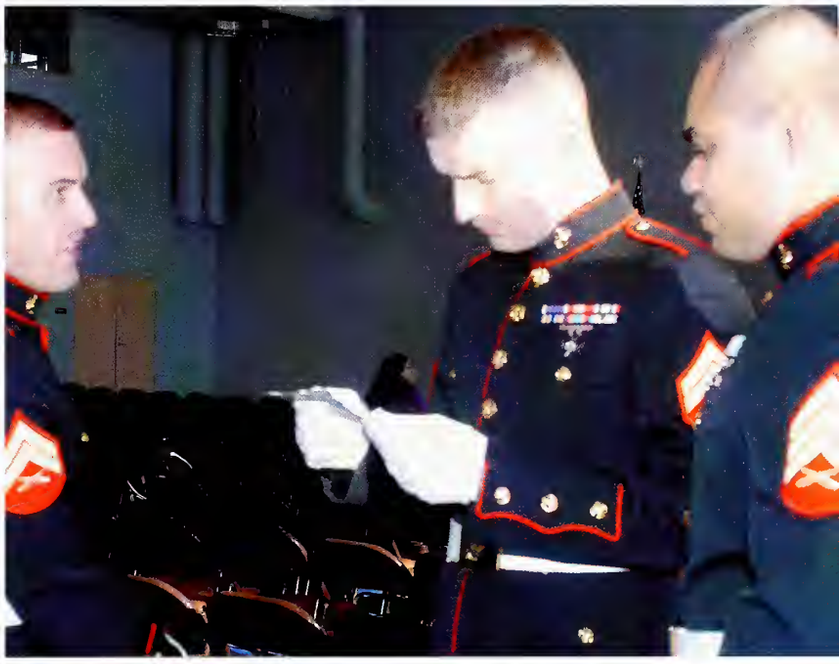
RED...WHITE

Veterans' Day is a time to remember the American military's dedication and bravery in defending the country, and many students took a role in honoring their heroism.

Student Government sponsored a Veterans' Day ceremony for students and members of the community. The ceremony was held in Gym One of the Falcon Center. Student Kasha Brown sang the "National Anthem" and the Fairmont State Marching Band provided music. Speakers at the ceremony included FSU President Daniel J. Bradley, FSC&TC President Blair Montgomery, Student Government Director of Public Relations Sandra Ramirez-Clavijo, and Student Government President Shane Livingstone. Sandra Ramirez-Clavijo is a junior as well as a four-year U.S. Army veteran. In her speech, she recognized veterans on stage and in the crowd. "We are blessed, thankful, and overall ecstatic to have them back home," she said. Four students, U.S. Marines who returned from Iraq, were honored on stage. These students were Sgt. Oscar Aguilera, LCpl. Nathan Carpenter, LCpl. James Riffle, and LCpl. Jordan Ashcraft. Student Government also gathered students' letters to be sent to the troops to show their respect and admiration.

It is important to remember that while students are mingling on campus, studying in classrooms or the library and hanging out with friends or working out in the Falcon Center, there are other men and women—many college-aged—who are in other places promoting freedom.

By Rachel Skubis



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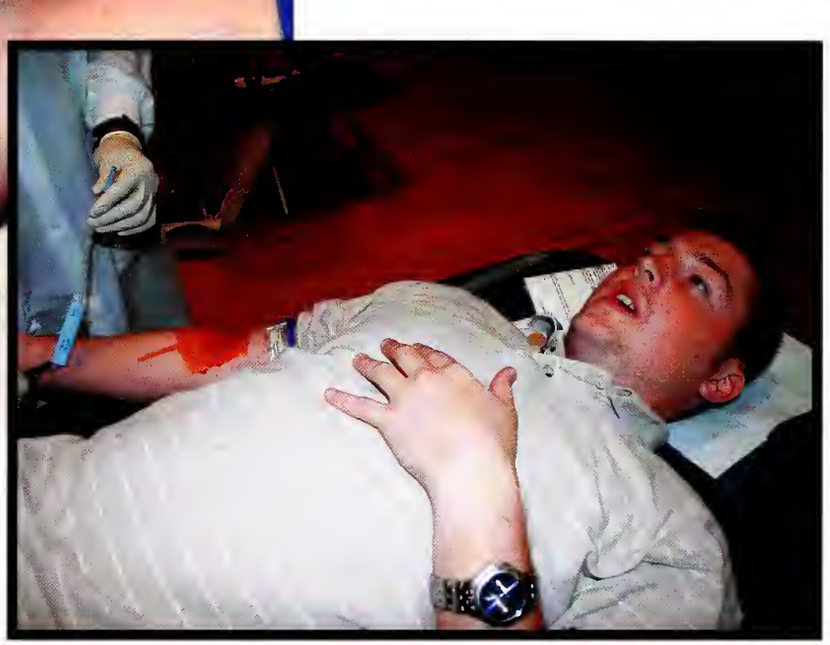
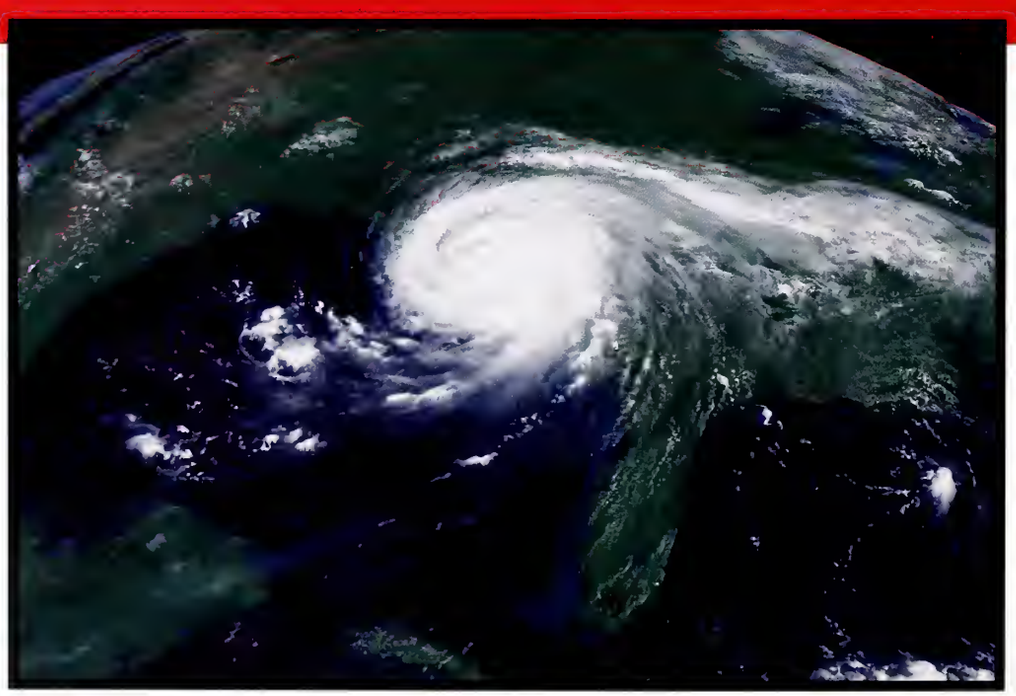


Noah Kerns waits anxiously as an American Red Cross volunteer prepares his arm to draw blood.



Hurricane Katrina as seen from space as it devastates the Louisiana coast, August 2005.

Picture courtesy of the NOAA Satellite and Information Service.

Hurricane Katrina… what do we think when we hear he name? A whole new meaning arises. The violent storm ipped through so many homes and so many lives, young and ld; no one was safe.

Many lives were claimed during this storm and many nore were destroyed by the angry waters and winds that tore ife away from so many innocent people. But in the wake f this natural disaster… many people stepped up to the late and helped pick up the pieces of the broken lives that urvived this horrifying storm.

Many people volunteered their time when they could o search for people andpets, and to find the people lost in he storm. Those who could not donate their time donated noney. In order to help aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina, SU hosted a blood drive for the American Red Cross. airmont State students, faculty and staff participated. The lood drive was co-sponsored by Fairmont State's Student overnment, the Wesley Foundation, and Chi Alpha. The lood drive was a success.

Fairmont State students and faculty also came together to run booths and tables all around campus, selling bracelets to raise money for the victims. They also helped by collecting non-perishable foods.

All that is left now is the road to recovery. For most of the people affected by Hurricane Katrina… a long road is ahead of all of them. All that we can do now is keep them in our hearts and minds and give thanks to those who devoted time and money in helping aid the victims of Katrina.

By Lewis Summers

Fairmont State University President Daniel Bradley enjoys a cold cup of soda after donating blood.

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Everyone is welcome

Located at 1224 Locust Avenue, the Wesley Foundation is a campus ministry to Fairmont State University sponsored by the United Methodist and Presbyterian Churches.

Participation in Wesley Foundation programs and the benefits of its ministry "are not limited to any religious affiliation (Christian or non-Christian) and are open to everyone in the campus community," according to the foundation newletters. Additionally, the ministry serves both Fairmont State University and the Fairmont State Community and Technical College.

The Wesley Foundation offers personal counseling, friendly conversation, a place to relax and study, and a small food pantry of canned and dry foods. Local churches provide free homemade lunches for students, faculty and staff each Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. A prayer chapel is located on the second floor and is available for people of all faiths. During finals week in the fall semester, the ministry offered a cappuccino bar. For the spring semester they offered free lunch each day and a "finals care package."

Community service projects this past year included two blood drives for the American Red Cross and a fundraiser to benefit victims of the 2005 hurricane season. The food pantry provides food for students anytime throughout the academic semester who live off campus with no meal plan, and those on campus who do not have access to dining service over the weekend. Pantry items are donated by local churches and individuals.

Rev. Michael Waide is serving his first year as campus pastor and director of the Wesley Foundation at Fairmont State. He feels that the most important aspect of the Wesley Foundation is that it reaches out to all faculty and staff regardless of religious denomination.

"We provide an enlightening presence on campus that embraces diversity," Waide said. "We offer students the opportunity to experience the grace and love of God in an inviting and non-threatening way through our outreach."

BY BRANDI WHITE

REV. MICHAEL WAIDE PREPARES A HOMEMADE MEATBALL HOAGIE FOR STUDENTS WHO ATTEND FREE LUNCH ON THURSDAYS.

Who says Halloween is just for little ones? Although going door to door to obtain a bag full of candy may exclude students without children of their own, many students still had their fair share of treats.

Members of the dorms organized the "Haunted Museum" and "Fall Fest" that took place in Morrow Hall and Pence Hall in mid-October. The Fall Fest was organized for children, and the Haunted Museum featured a tour for high school and college-aged students through dorm hallways. ARD

Haunted Halls

of Pence Hall, Travis Reed, coordinated the events, and many residents of the dorms participated to make it a spooky success. The halls glowed in green and were filled with creepy sounds. Sections of Morrow Hall featured enactments of common scary scenes, such as a deranged surgeon in his laboratory as well as a ghostly tea-party. Volunteers went all-out with outfits and makeup to complement their characters.

Junior Ashley Hamilton said: "The group of students that participated worked really well as a group, which made planning easier and acting it out even more fun."

Another annual Halloween activity at Fairmont State is the Language and Literature Department's "Frankenfest." Dr. Deborah Nestor organized the event. Many English classes moved from their Jaynes Hall dwelling to the third floor of the library to enjoy an all-day reading of Mary Shelley's novel Frankenstein. The occasion gave students an opportunity to hear Shelley's novel, perhaps for the first time, as well as to volunteer to read aloud in a laid-back atmosphere. All students were welcome to participate at their convenience, and handouts with chapter outlines were available. English faculty complimented the reading with a variety of food and drinks.

A majority of Halloween activities took place off campus. A number of students headed out to local bars and parties dressed up in silly attire and brought their digital cameras along to capture the crazy moments. Other students enjoyed a night of scary movies or went to the Fright Farm in Pennsylvania.

Junior Ashley Angellili prepared a party for the youngsters in her family, topped off with props, games, and food. "It was a lot of fun but a lot a lot of work, but it was worth it. It was nice seeing all the smiles. I plan to do it every year so the smiles keep on coming," Angellili said.

The 2005 Halloween festivities showed that the holiday of ghosts, monsters, and fright can be enjoyed at all ages, in or out of the costume.

By Rachel Skubis

Sophomore Joanna Taylor, Freshman Heather Taylor, and Senior Megan Horst have a tea party full of ghostly leisure.

Sophomore Amanda Bowles awaits a fatal incision from a demented doctor below.

Left: Senior Mark Beathe plays the part of a crazy cutter as he shows off his paper dolls.

Below: the literature classes meet on the third floor of the Ruth Ann Musick library during their usual class time to read aloud Mary Shelley's Frankenstein.

Mound Photos by Rachel Skubis

Does the bat on the Bell Go

Delta Zeta, Sigma Tau Gamma, Alpha Sigma Tau, Phi Sigma Phi, Delta Xi Omicron, Tau Beta Iota, Sigma Sigma Sigma and Tau Kappa Epsilon--those are the names that often appear in Greek letters on the Bell.

Many who see it might wonder what on Earth is the purpose of the Bell on the quad. Just ask any member of Greek life on the Fairmont State campus.

New pledges at Delta Zeta heard all about how they had to paint this infamous campus landmark known as "The Bell." Pledges roll out of bed to be on campus at 7 a.m. on Monday and Wednesdays...but most Greeks on campus agree that painting The Bell was one of their favorite pledge memories. It's not just about pledging, it's about the battle of everyone seeing the organization's Greek letters on it that day. Having these letters on the Bell gets the name out there and tells the campus that one organization beat all of the others that day for the right to the bell. It's also a bonding experience between the pledges of the same Greek organization and it's a way to get familiar with pledges from different Greek organizations.

Greek pledges put their heart and soul, blood, sweat and tears and most of all, random things from the local grocery store inside the top of the bell.

For many people, the bell might just be another campus eyesore, but to Greeks, it's about competition and tradition, a tradition that all Greeks feel should be carried on. So, when you're walking by the Quad, take a glimpse at the Bell, and see what Greek organization was the most competitive that day and earned the honor of its Greek letters on "The Bell."

By Johnna Barber

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As a college student, one realizes what it is like to have everyday expenses. As if paying for an apartment, utilities, credit cards, food, and beer aren't enough. Now students, along with every other American citizen, are paying over two dollars for a gallon of gas. If you own a car, you know exactly what I am talking about.

Instead of having extra money to blow on more important things, some students find themselves pumping nearly 40 dollars a week into their cars to get back and forth to school and work. Many students drive at least 40 or more miles a day, depending on what they have to do. They might go to school in Fairmont, but work in Morgantown or Clarksburg. That's a lot of driving and a lot of gas. Not to mention keeping up on regular oil changes, tires, and brakes. Driving is costing most college students an arm and a leg.

Unfortunately, gas prices may never decrease. They are going to rise. By the end of the year gas prices may be well over three dollars a gallon.

By Denise Stutler

Did you know?

Gasoline is the bloodline that keeps America moving. Our personal vehicles guzzle 65 billion gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel each year, and that number is projected to increase by 2.6 percent each year, according to HowStuffWorks.com.

Where Your Money Goes

When you pump $20 dollars into your tank, that money is broken up into little pieces that get distributed among several entities. Gas is just like any other consumer product: There's a supply chain and several groups who are responsible for setting the price of the product. The media can sometimes lead you to believe that the price of gas is based solely on the price of crude oil, but there are actually many factors that determine what you pay at the pump. No matter how expensive gas becomes, all of these entities have to get their slice of the pie. ARTICLE FROM WWW.HOWSTUFFWORKS.COM

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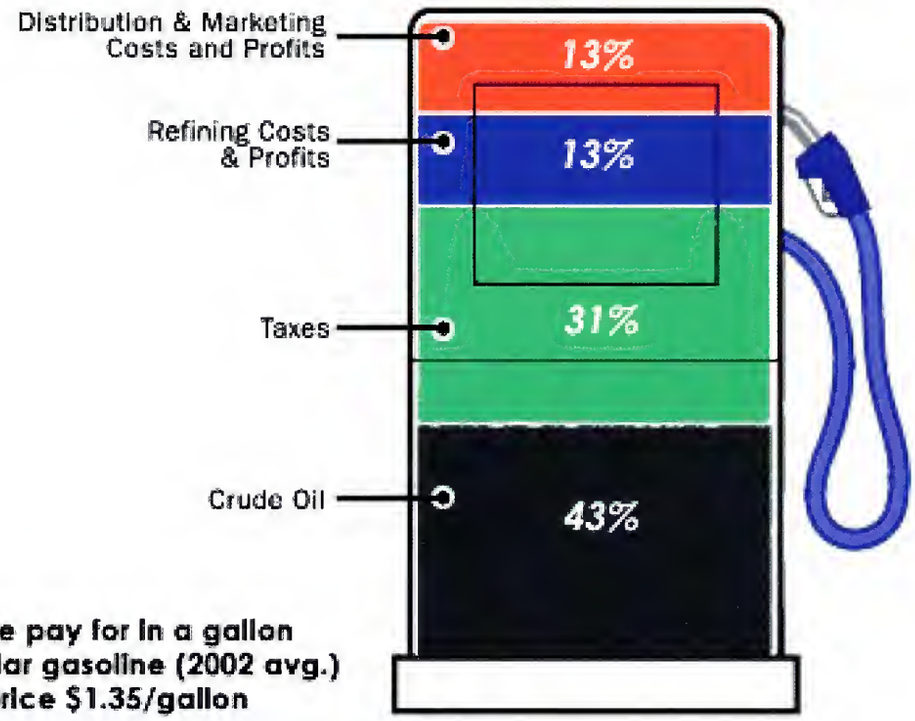

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Each semester brings changes for every student: new perspectives, classes, schedules, teachers, and faces. An nfortunate aspect of college is becoming acquaintances with classmates but not keeping in touch because of the inescapable hange of the semesters. *Facebook*, an online social networking site exclusively for students, has changed this prior imitation. Linking students with other students from their school and other schools, Facebook has created a cyber hangout here names and faces can stay familiar, and friendships can be made and maintained.

Created by Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook started on February 4, 2005. Expanding from a group of Harvard students, t now includes more than 2,600 colleges. Facebook provides a search, where members can look for people by names, eographical locations, and what schools they attended. With the click of a mouse, a student can request another person as *friend*, where that person will then enter the new buddy's Facebook *friends list* with confirmation. Members of Facebook an scroll other's *friends lists*, making new relationships through the online connection.

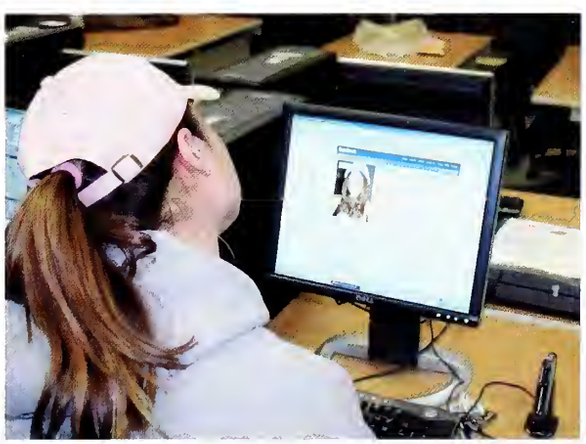
Senior Erica Henson said, "It allows you an opportunity to become friends with people you may never have spoken to otherwise. I see it as becoming a wonderful ice breaker for incoming freshman. It'll be much easier for shy or nervous kids o make friends and feel at home on campus."

Facebook provides a profile, photo album capabilities, personal and public messaging, groups, and friend-details or public viewing, where members can provide a short description of how they know their fellow Facebook *friends*. ublic messaging is displayed on another student's wall, which is open for all "site-seers." The photo albums give cameras umerous flashes, as students display their hobbies, interests, family, friends, pets, etc. This section also allows students to tag" pictures of others in their albums, providing an automatic link to the pictures on the other people's pages.

In the past few years, with the aid of social networking sites, the online environment has become less impersonal and nore exciting.

"I was so excited when Facebook finally came to FSU. It gave me a way to contact friends I haven't see in a long ime and keep them closer in my busy life. It also helped my grades because if I missed a class, I could just find someone on acebook that was in my missed class and ask them about the assignments," junior Michele Brandimarte said.

Facebook allows student to get to know each other, which would otherwise be restricted by hectic and ever-changing chedules. Satisfying temptations for curiosity and connecting education with friendship, Facebook is a meaningful addition o many college students' lives, both online and offline.



A Fairmont State Student Takes A Break from class to chat with friends on facebook.com

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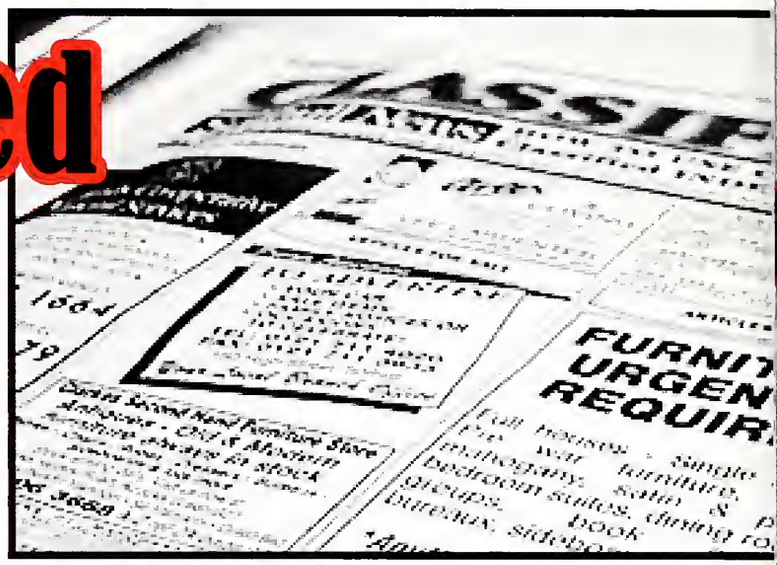

College is a major occupation, weighing in at the top of many students' priority lists. Going to classes and spending other hours studying adds up quickly. Along with family obligations, activities, and homework, many students also have full and part-time jobs.

Fairmont State provides numerous work-study opportunities for its students. Campus organizations and offices as well as the additions of the Falcon Center require positions to be filled. Some positions also offer credits for internships. Work-study allows students a chance to go to school and work at the same convenient location.

Some students' jobs are separate from school, but they are certainly not too detached from each other. Senior Garret Haddix works the night shift from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. at Sam's Club in Morgantown. He unloads freights from trailers and stocks the freights in freezers and refrigerators in the store.

"The work makes the nights fly by," he said. He gets necessary time off work Monday and Wednesday nights to be able to go to his 8–9:30a.m. Tuesday and Thursday classes. After coming home early in the morning from work the other nights, he sleeps and regains his energy for his noon classes.

Carla Witt Ford also experiences the struggles between work and school. Going back to college to finish her bachelor of science degree, she also teaches two basic photography and one advanced photography course at Fairmont State.

"It's been difficult getting back into the studying/student mode. At the same time, it has been interesting to be on both sides of the fence, as student and teacher," she said. A previously selected Adjunct Faculty of the Year for 2005-2006 for Fairmont State Community College, Carla is also a professional photographer, a mother and a wife, running a household and two small businesses while getting back into the swing of studying.

Students' lives are full-time, in every sense of the word. They go to school to earn an education and go to work to pay for their education. Hours of studying add up just as speedily as the cost of tuition, textbooks, and gasoline. Managing work and school has both its difficulties and rewards, as many students find the responsibilities to be challenging but also necessary and valuable.

By Rachel Skubis

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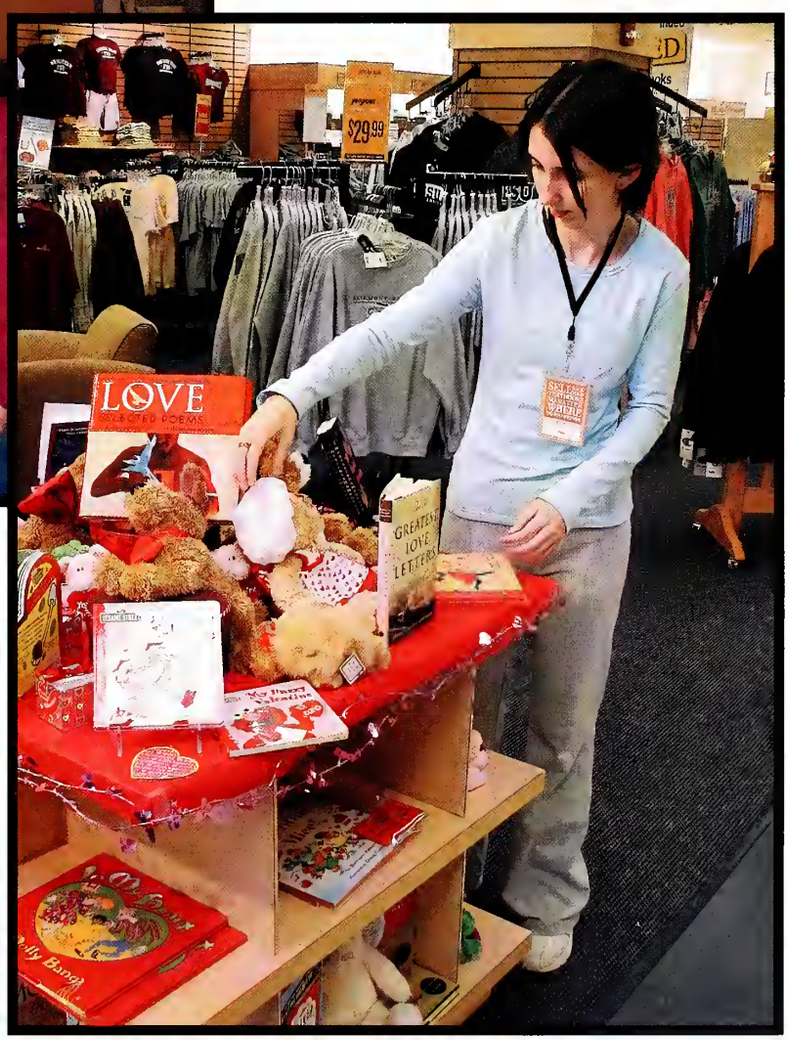
AIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY SOPHOMORE KIM STARRETT ARRANGES THE RACK AT A LOCAL ASHION BUG.

ENIOR DEREK UNDERWOOD ANSWERS A CALL IN THE STUDENT RECREATION CENTER WHILE SOPHOMORE CALVIN BENNETT PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO ANOTHER STU-DENT FROM THE COURTESY DESK.



TINA HOMCHENKO WORKS ON A VALENTINE'S DAY DISPLAY IN THE FAIRMONT TATE BOOKSTORE.

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Gadgets and Gizmos

Senior Dave Shreve and Kenny Kelley kick it old school, playing NBA Jam on the Sega Genesis game console.

game over

turn the music up!

In the midst of work, school, and stress, relaxation is required somewhere to mellow he chaos. Many Fairmont State students find an escape hrough music and video games before having to retort ack to reality.

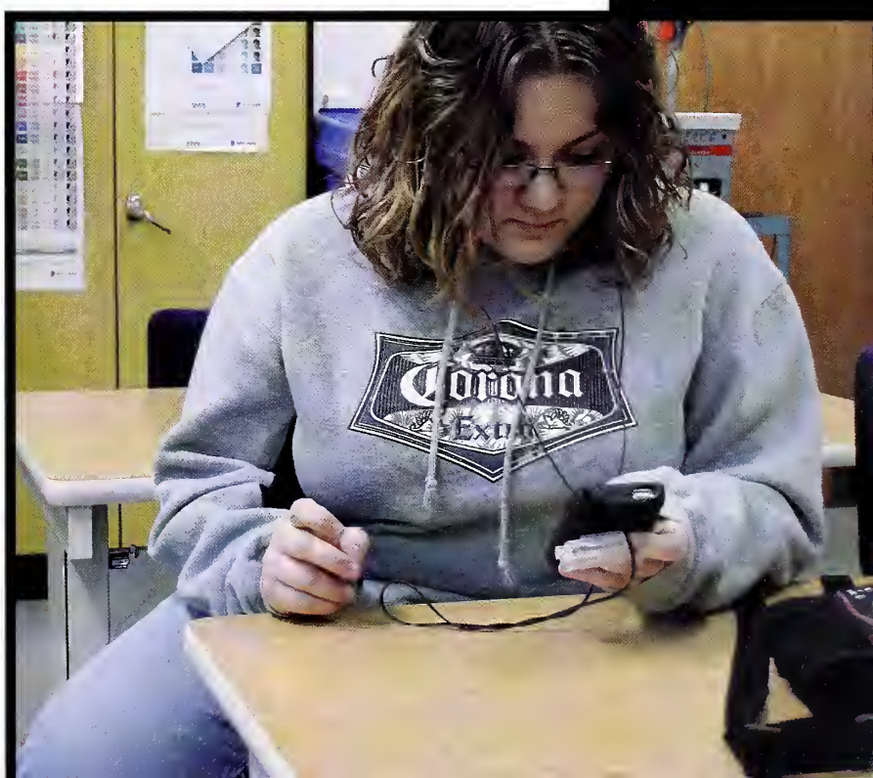
Eight-tracks, records, and cassette tapes are nearly rtifacts compared to today's music systems. Even CDs re diminishing in an ever-growing technological world of nline music downloads, MP3 Players, and I-Pods. The yte-capacity and video features are advantages to owning MP3 Player or an I-Pod. Junior Ryan Chambers owns Creative Zen MP3 Player. Containing 794 songs, he ivided his music into categories to match certain uses. "I sten to the songs randomly, but when I'm working out, I sten to my work-out music," Chambers said.

Video games have improved greatly from many ollege students' 80's childhood, when the original Nintendo overtook the television sets. Computer software, layStation 2, PlayStation 3, PlayStation Portable, Xbox, box 360, GameCube, Nintendo DS, Revolution, and Gameboy Advance are some popular entertainment ystems, allowing vivid images and effects and apabilities for multiple online players.

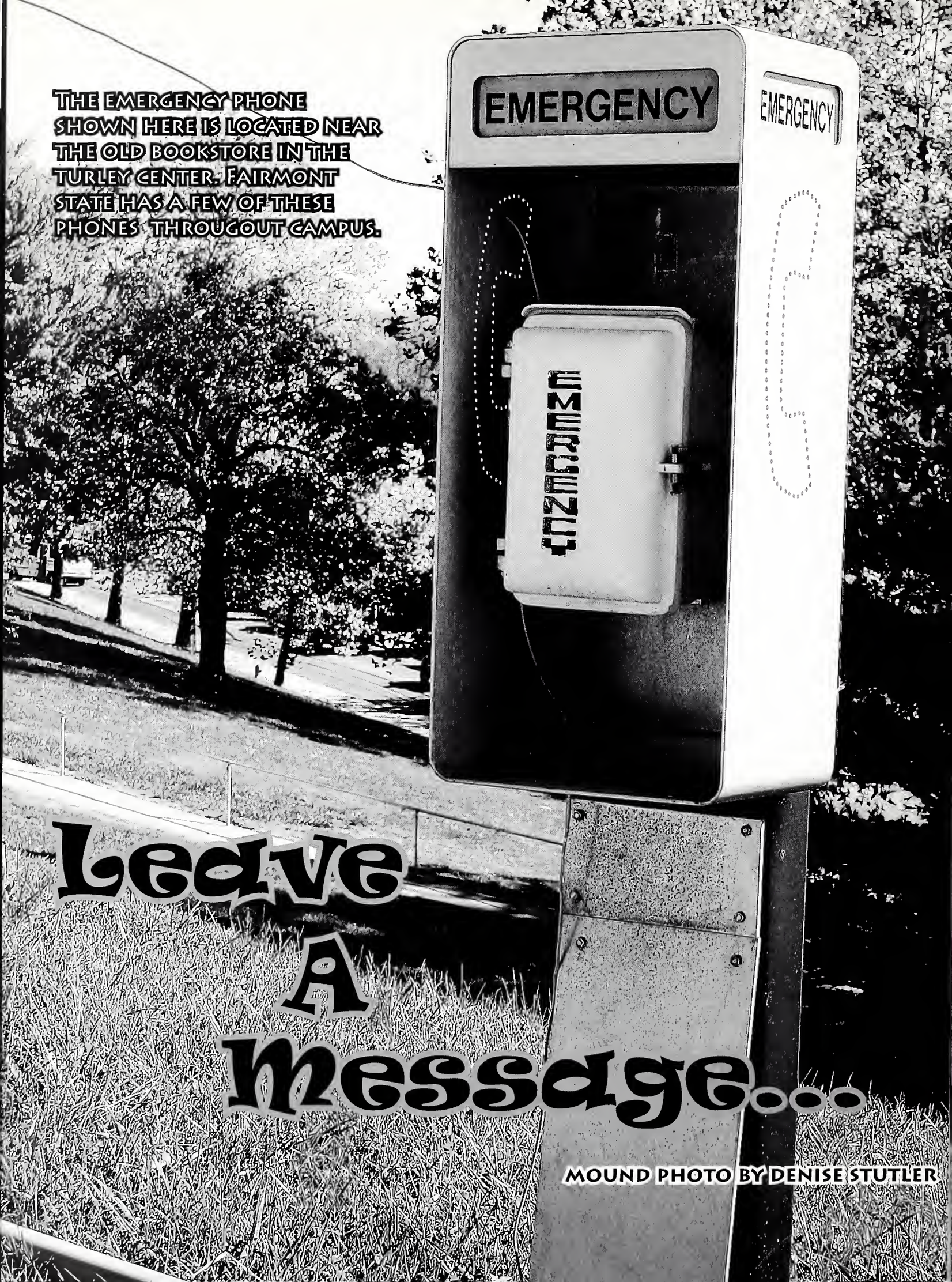
Updated systems come out each year, but some tudents like to stick to tradition. "I haven't enjoyed video ames since the original Sega Genesis, and I still play ega once in awhile," Junior Kenny Kelley remarked. His oommate Dave Shreve added, "When we break out the ega, it's like a trip back to junior high, and we even act ke twelve-year-olds."

Growing up in a culture where gadgets and gizmos rule, students' music and video game systems are devices to escape and to also reminisce a time when reality had a slightly different definition. Continuing advancements in entertainment systems ensure the anticipation to free the nostalgia.

By Rachel Skubis



Freshman Shannon Moyer is listening to her newly downloaded tunes on her Apple I-Pod.



Leave A Message...

The emergency phone shown here is located near the old bookstore in the Turley Center. Fairmont State has a few of these phones throughout campus.

Mound photo by Denise Stutler

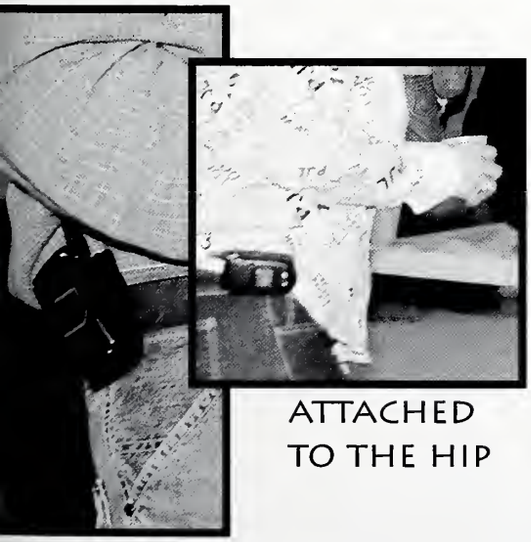
Pay phones are things of the past for many people. Once used as the primary source of calls when a residential hone was not available, they are now only used when someone's cell phone runs out of power or another one is not around which is very unlikely). For Fairmont State students, cell phones are as much a part of their lives as their computers and extbooks.

Cell phones are undeniably reliable and handy. Senior Justin Layfield finds his appreciation in having a cell phone in ccordance to his job. Being an assistant coach to a group of junior-high girl basketball players, Layfield has found it much asier for him and his team to keep in touch. "It is much easier for my basketball players to reach me with a cell phone s apposed to calling the house and leaving a message, he explained. His roommate, Senior Derek Underwood, agreed, Without cell phones, life of a college student would be much less convenient in that constant access to a phone would be enied."

Cell phones have transformed in appearance and purpose increasingly in the past few years. Freshman Mary Holt aid, "Everyone has cell phones nowadays. It is almost a necessity. They are so popular that you see them everywhere. Everyone is downloading music and taking pictures with them, not just making phone calls." With sleek looks and trendy ing tones, cell phones are personalized to fit users' interests. The allure of instant messaging has carried over to cell phones s well, as many people send texts in place of traditional calls.

Cell phones are not a new technology, but an outlook on college life would not be complete without their mention. Although a thirty-five cent call from a pay phone may seem more appealing than a monthly cell phone bill, cell-phone wnership has numerous advantages. As long as they are well-charged and put on silent before classes begin, they make tudents' daily lives much more trouble-free, which balances the monthly expenses.

BY RACHEL SKUBIS



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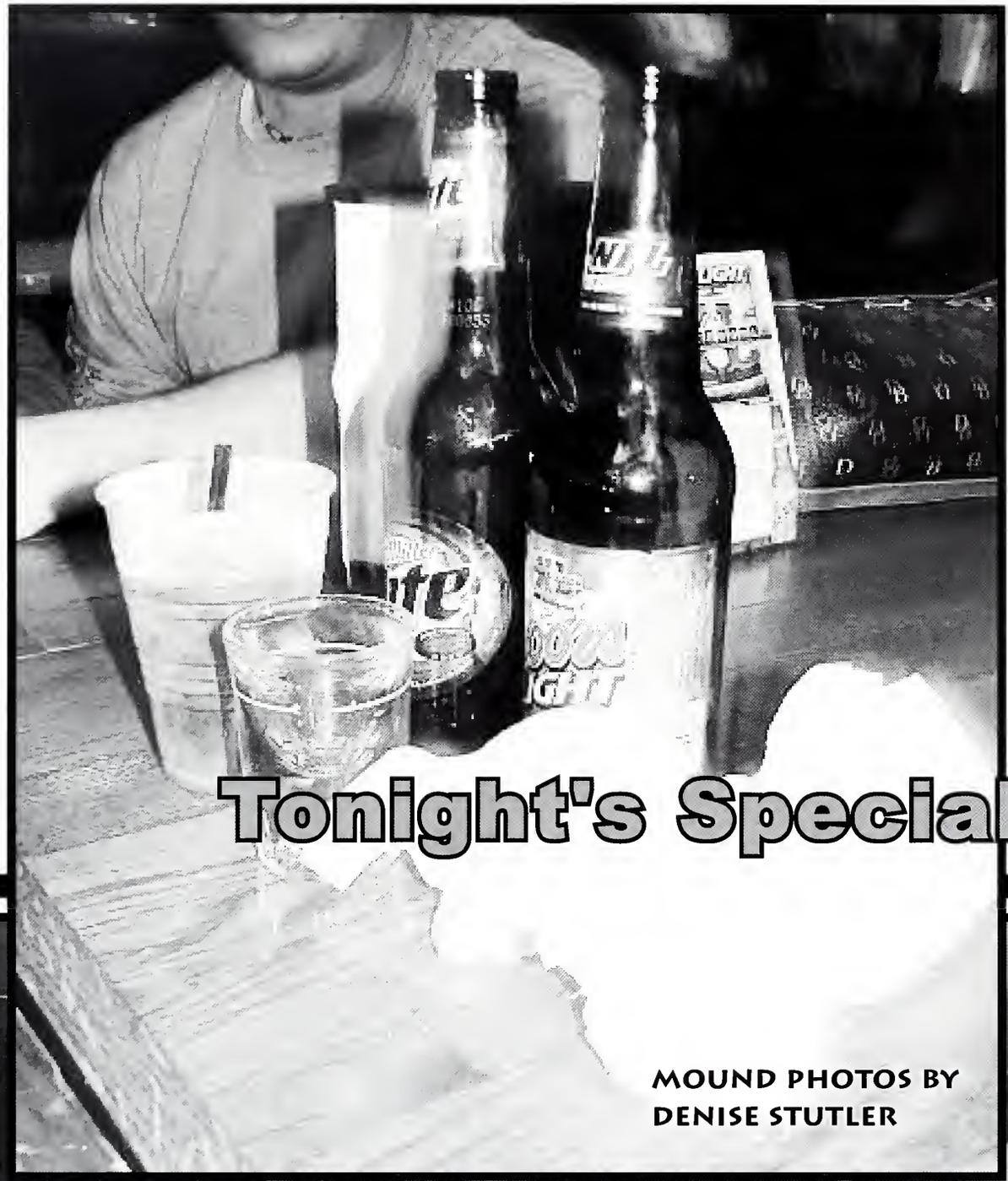
UST AFTER BEING CROWNED HOMECOM-NG KING, JUSTIN MICHAEL USES HIS CELL HONE TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS.



Tonight's Special : $1.00

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DENISE STUTLER

STUDENTS ENJOYING A NIGHT OUT ON THE TOWN AT A POPULAR FAIRMONT NIGHTCLUB

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The Library, The College Lunch, Impulse and Bunny's. Those are the most frequently visited bars by college students eager to relax with some friends and a good beer at the Lunch, to "get down with our bad selves" at the Library and Impulse or to simply just shoot a game of pool at Bunny's. There is at least one bar in Fairmont appropriate for everyone.

Themes parties are always a big hit, no matter what bar you go to. The ones that draw the biggest crowd tend to be New Year's Eve, St. Patrick's Day, Fat Tuesday, Halloween and Valentine's Day. Any Thursday or Saturday you can find the bar crowded with college students drinking away their sorrows for reasons from school to significant others. Most of the time, college students just go to generally have a good time and let our hair down with some good drinks and some good friends.

Some enjoy going out on Wednesday nights for karaoke, simply because the dress is extremely casual, as casual at sweatshirts and sweatpants, and students enjoy bonding by singing fun 80's songs together.

Sunday through Wednesday you can get away with just about anything (like guys can everyday), but Thursday through Saturday you might want to get out your nicer, sexier clothes because the crowd is a lot more serious and judgmental. Many bars have dress codes that you have to strictly follow or you will not be allowed inside. Some of the rules are: no bandanas or sideways hats, no baggy clothes, no big jackets, no large bags or purses and no backpacks. These reasons and rules are for the safety of college students, the one's who keep the bars in business.

Underage drinking has become a problem. That might be the understatement of the century. Most students know someone who has went to the bathroom and washed the "X's" off of their hands in order to drink. A few people will even get their friends' wrist bands from the night before and stick them together with gum.

Bottles and $2.00 Rail Shots

Now, the bar bouncers and owners have become wise and made a plan to make it harder for underage people to drink at the Library- they not only makes the "X's" as big as your hand, but now they put zip-ties on both of your wrists, which are impossible to get off.

The prices of drinks now compared to when I first started college have sky rocketed. Beers are now $2.25, shots and mixed drinks are anywhere from $3 to $4.25 and Cherry and Jager bombs are $5 according to Library bartender, Shannon Stickley. Everyday of the week most all of the bars have specials, the favorite being Friday nights due to $1.00 bottles at the Library.

BY JOHNNA BARBER

BRADLEY YOST AND ANDREW BECKER SALUTE, "CHEERS FOR OUR BEERS!"

life of the party

FAIRMONT STATE GIRLS SHOW UP IN FORCE TO SHOW EVERYBODY HOW TO PARTY

TIMOTHY HUN CALLS IT A NIGHT

PHOTOS BY DENISE STUTLER

You know your in college when...

- McDonalds is NEVER a bad idea!
- your last good meal was definitely on a holiday.
- you've moved in with people you've known less than two months.
- you have ever said, "I'm never drinking again...until tonight!"
- you schedule your classes after noon or later, because you know you won't go.
- cable is considered a luxury. You know you want it, but you just can't afford it.
- people can smell what you are doing from outside on the street.
- you have ever burned furniture to celebrate!
- beer pong is the only sport you are good at.
- you live within walking distance of one or more bars, which was the main selling point!
- you know what drunk dialing is and do it every day.
- you have ever made out with the same person as your roommates in the same night.

BEER PONG TABLE IN BETWEEN GAMES

STRIKE

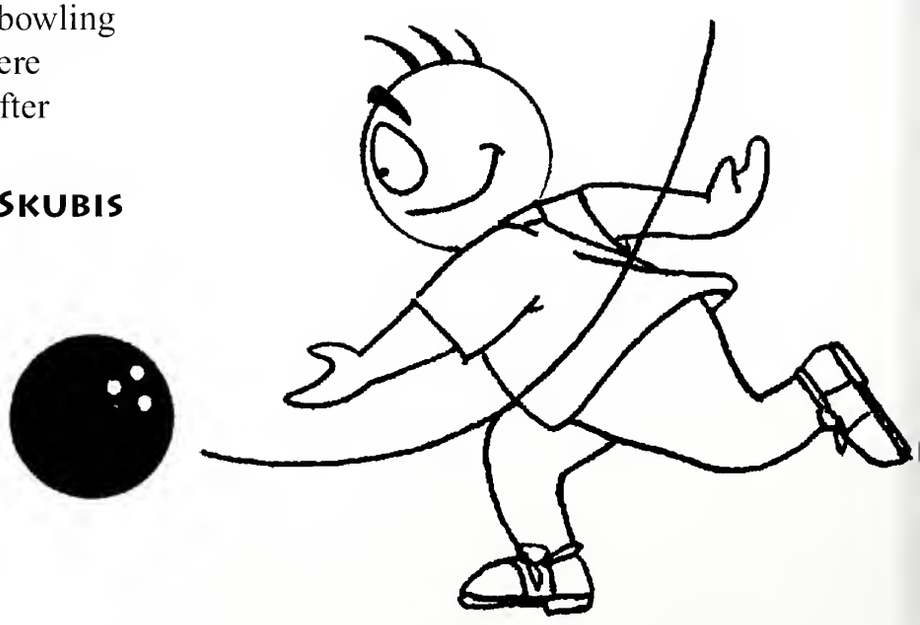
Bowling is a sport for some and another night of fun out on the town for others. The two bowling centers in Fairmont, Fairmont Bowling Center and Valley Worlds of Fun, entertain both groups. Each bowling center provides college bowling nights, which include discounts for college students.

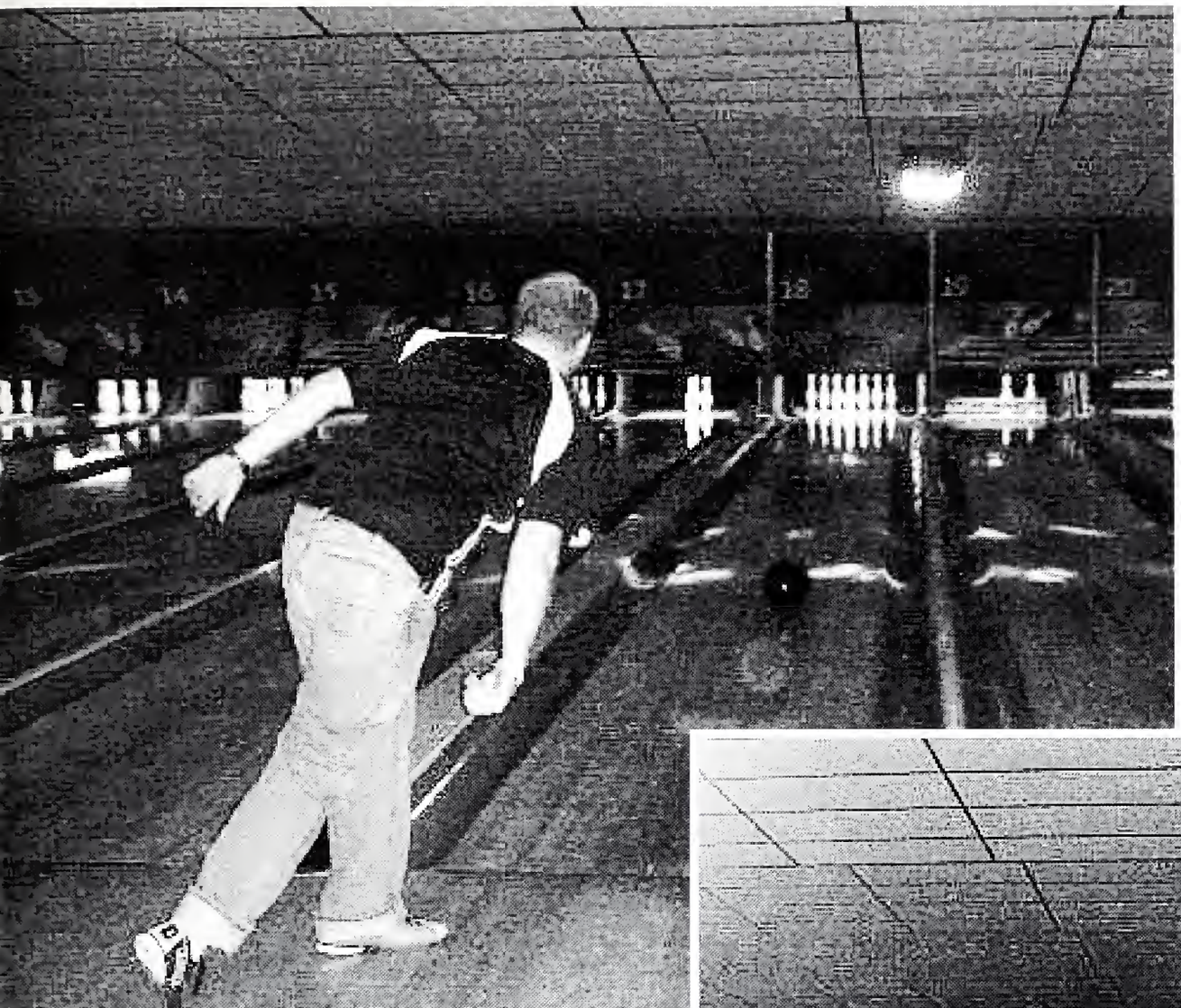
At Valley Worlds of Fun, "College ID Night" is Wednesday 5-10pm. Costing $7 per person, student can bowl and enjoy a pizza buffet from 6-8pm. Senior Justin Layfield stated, "I have been working at Valley since October because I love kids. I think bowling is good for college students because it gives them a chance to be out with their friends and gives them something else to do besides drinking and going to bars."

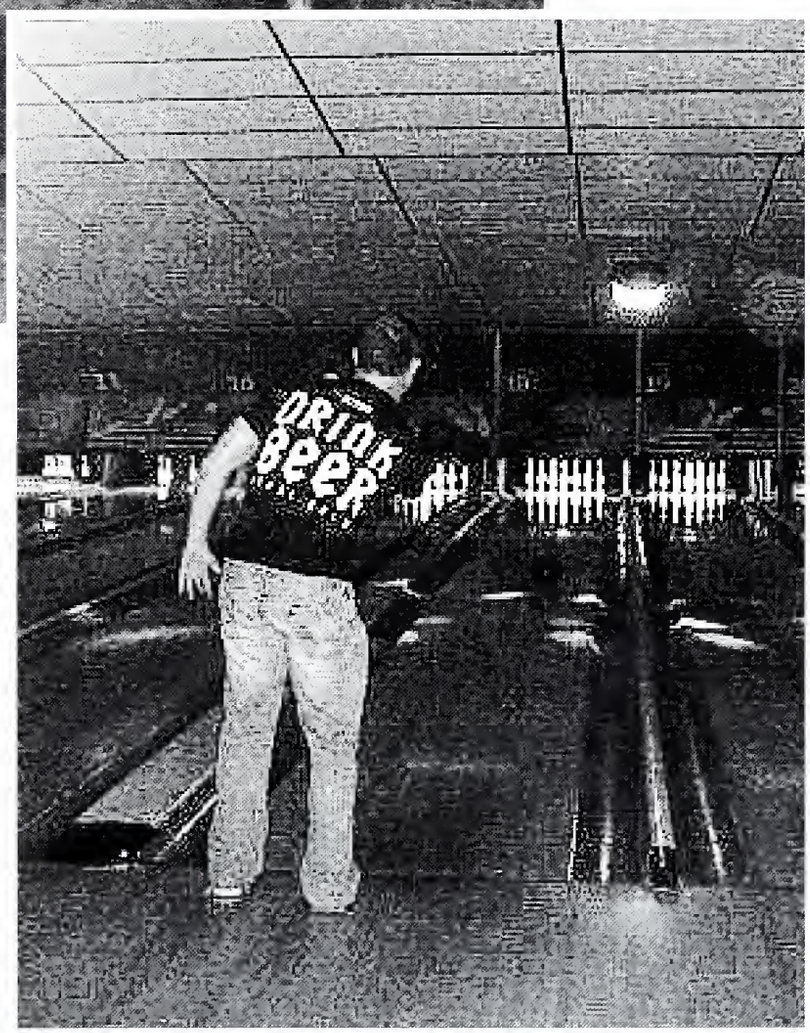
The Fairmont Bowling Center offers a "College Bowling Night" on Tuesday beginning at 10pm. Each person is charged $5. "Tuesday Night Bowling is an awesome and inexpensive way to relax. I'm not a very good bowler, but it doesn't matter. As long as I'm with my friends, it's guaranteed to be a fun night out," fall 2005 graduate Andrea O'Dell commented.

Whether approaching the lanes with a competitive or carefree stance, area college bowling centers provide students with an activity where friends can get together and crack the pins after cracking the books.

By Rachel Skubis



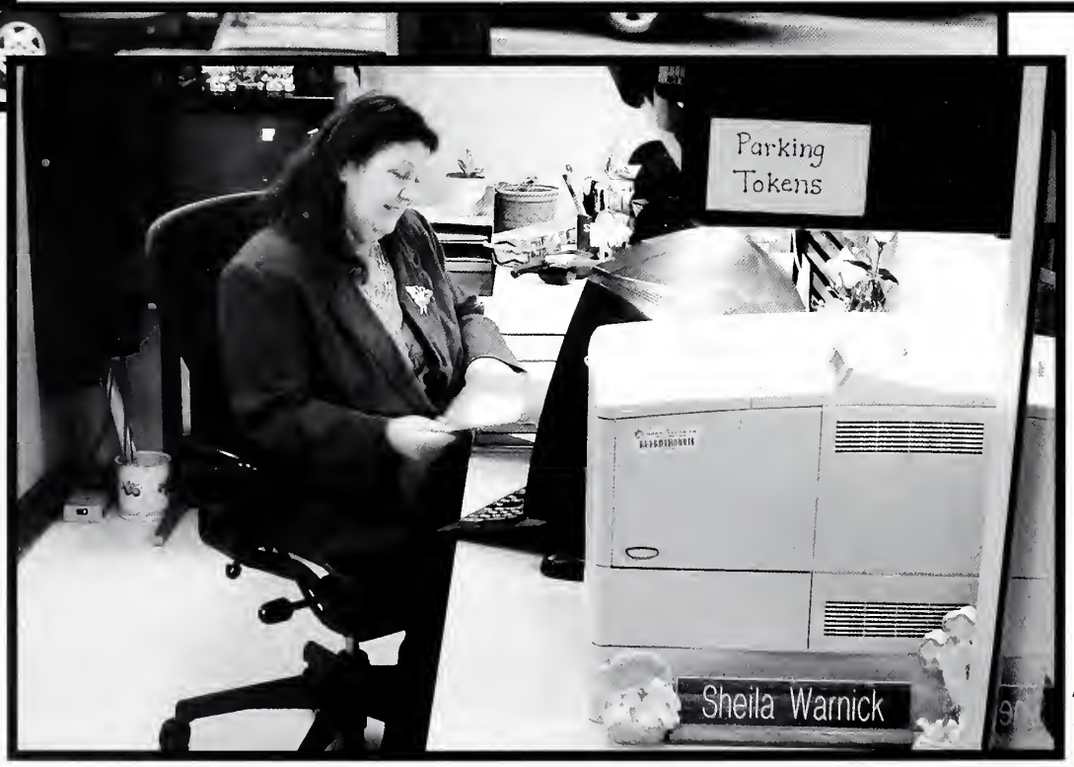




Above justin layfield Is using the correct form and posture while bowling.
Right matt lanham, is there a strike in your future?

SPARE

KEEPING IT SAFE



SHELIA WARNICK WORKS IN THE CAMPUS SECURITY OFFICE, KEEPING THE DAILY RECORDS ORGANIZED.

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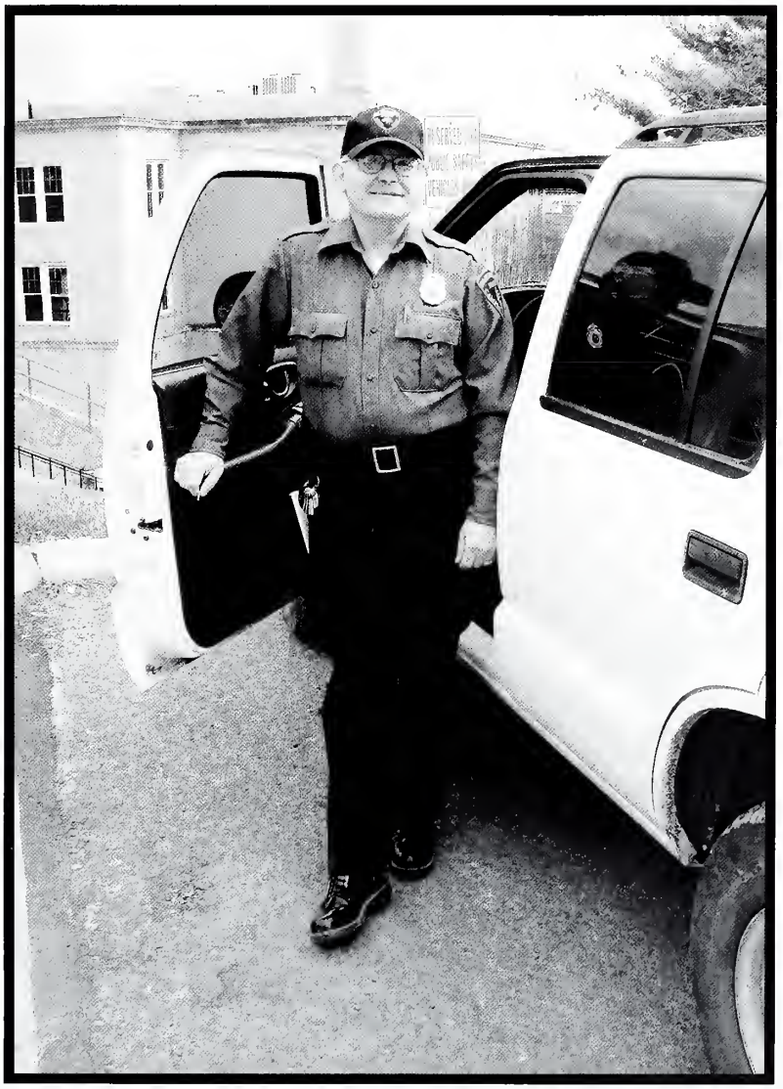
In a year of change, the students at FSU would like to know that they are still safe on campus. Sergeant Bill Bradley and his co-workers are here to reassure us of our safety. Bradley went to the police academy and has given us 21 years of service in the security department. Many of you may be wondering what all Bradley can do. He can do anything on campus that a state trooper can do, unlocking doors and dealing with theft and arresting people and serving warrants. If something happens to your vehicle while parked on campus, you can fill out a report stating what happened, and security officers will send it to your insurance company and be helpful in any way that they can.

There are four officers on campus, one security guard, four parking officers and 10 - 20 student security officers who work by contract. Campus security is available any time, day or night. If something should happen and a security officer is not available, there are nine phones around campus and 14 in the parking garage located on the walls by the elevator for your assistance and convenience.

There are two citations can be given: a magistrate citation for moving citations, which is $153 in court cost plus money for the fine; and a parking citation which is $10. The one thing that Bradley wants students to know is that the parking garage speed limit is 5 miles per hour and tickets can be given out for speeding. Remember students, not only are our campus security officers here to reassure our safety, but they are also here to make sure we follow and abide by the rules at FSU.

BY JOHNNA BARBER

OFFICER BILL BRADLEY STANDS NEXT TO HIS VEHICLE READY TO SERVE AND PROTECT.



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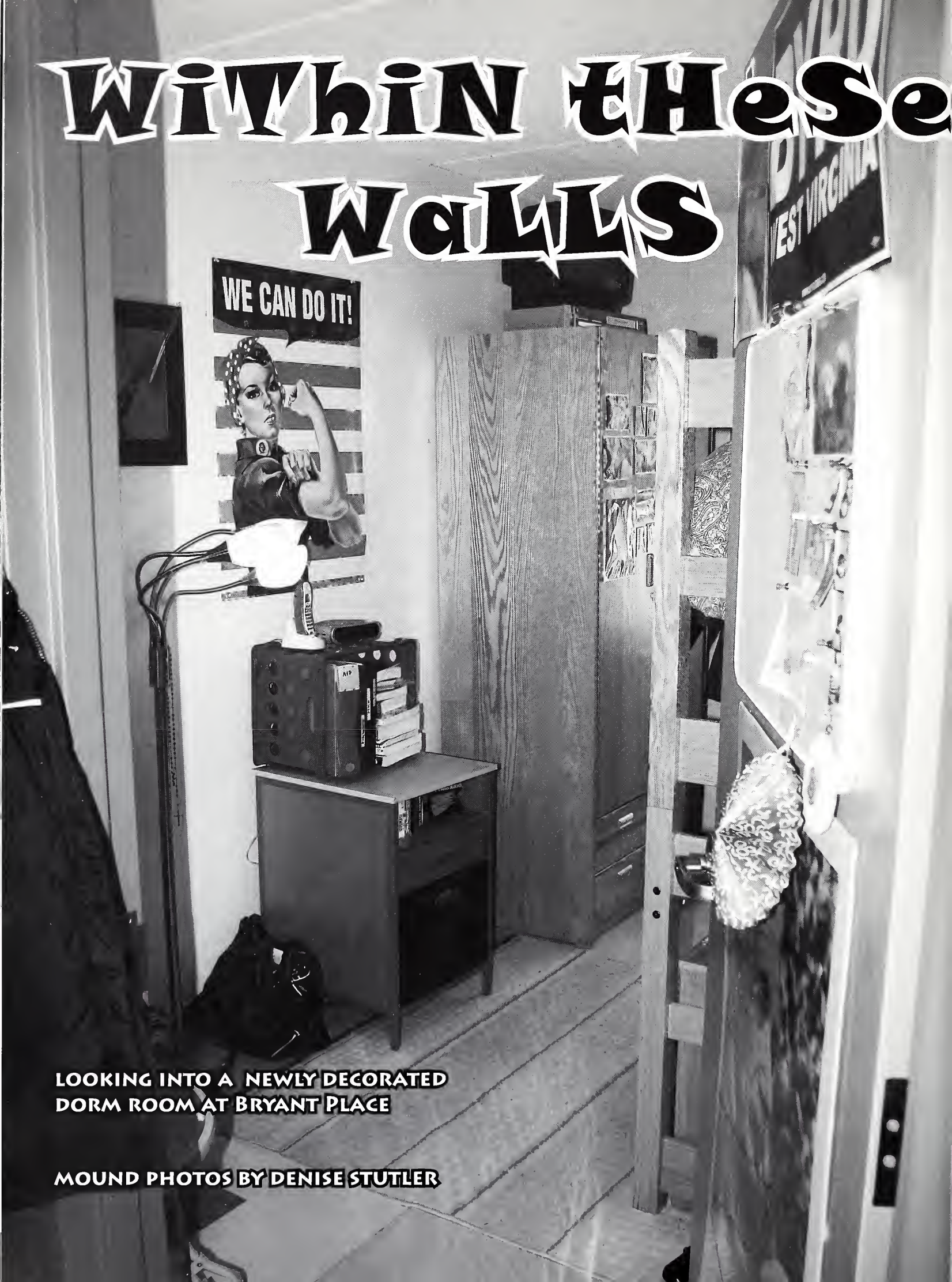

LOOKING INTO A NEWLY DECORATED DORM ROOM AT BRYANT PLACE

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For some, it's the first taste of freedom and life away from home. For others, it's cheaper than renting an apartment. Whatever the reason for choosing to live on campus, students agree that life in the dorms has its ups and downs.

Dorm life offers the convenience of living right on campus, and despite the rising cost of tuition, it may still be cheaper than renting an apartment and paying utilities. Dorm students never have to worry about parking on campus, and almost everything they need is within walking distance. However, the trade off here is privacy. Small dorm rooms and roommates don't leave much personal space.

Bryant Place offers two laundry rooms and a computer lab, and each floor has a common room and a fully equipped kitchen.

"I love living on campus because of all the people you get to know inside and outside of the residence halls. While residing in the residence hall, you will make great lifetime friends and everybody knows your name," said junior Jennifer Lynn Higginbotham, an elementary education major.

For junior Higginbotham, the biggest advantage to living on campus is involvement with organizations on campus and activities.

"Student government, which I have been a member since my freshman year, has events all over the school year semester calendar so when you live here the events are in your backyard, literally," said Higginbotham. "A big plus for living on campus is that you can make it to any class on the main campus in less than five minutes, NO morning drive, NO traffic, and NO parking problems! That could be the best part!"

BY BRANDI WHITE

A QUIET MOMENT IN THE LOUNGE OF BRYANT PLACE. MOST STUDENTS USE THE AREA IN THE EVENING HOURS TO WATCH TV AND LOUNGE AROUND WITH FRIENDS AFTER A LONG DAY OF CLASSES.

STUDENTS WHO NEED TO DO THEIR LAUNDRY ARE ABLE TO USED THE WASHERS AND DRYERS LOCATED IN BRYANT PLACE

MoVin' iN

Older students at Fairmont State get the privilege of helping incoming freshman move in to their dorms.

A FRESHMAN CHECKS INTO HIS NEW DORM.

BELOW
A MOTHER HELPS HER DAUGHTER UNPACK HER THINGS BEFORE THE NEW SEMESTER BEGINS.

Fairmont State Students stand outside of their dorms during a routine fire drill.

A student carries her laundry into her dorm room.

STUDENTS HAVE LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE INSIDE THEIR DORM ROOMS. THEY SOMETIMES HAVE TO SHARE THE BOTTOM BUNK WITH THEIR COMUPTER AND USE THEIR STORAGE SPACE WISELY.

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THE DOCTOR IS IN ! FSU STUDENT HEALTH

Students who live on campus, or at least spend a majority of their time there, may not be aware that Fairmont State University offers free health care. For students whose family doctor may we be back in his or her home state and for those without health insurance, the health clinic comes in handy. Fairmont State provides the same services as a general practioner's office. No insurance is needed to see the doctor; the only stipulation is that you have to be a full or part-time student connected with Fairmont State University.

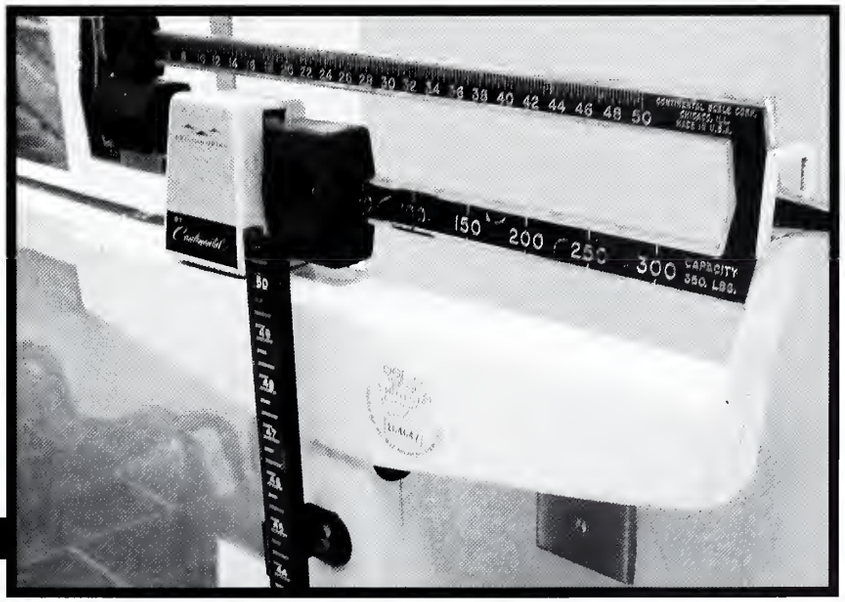
Recently relocated from Colebank Hall to the Falcon Center, the student health center welcomes walk-ins. The hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m; Tuesday from 8 a.m. to pm; and Friday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

There are two nurses on staff: Paulette Phyllis, LPN, and Yolanda Kirchartz, RN. There is also a pa time doctor, Dr. Dean Steinman, D.O. The student health center can help you when you're feeling ill, nee a shot, or twist your ankle.

The only bills a student may have to pay are a portion of the cost of x-rays, laboratory tests, and prescriptions. Free HIV testing and pregnancy tests along with treatments for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea are also provided by the Health Clinic.

By Brandi Whit

PAULETTE PHILLIS WORKS WITH AN EKG MACHINE IN THE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER.



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FAITH

Praise the Lord, worship his name, and spread his word. These are just three of the many daily commitments for Christians at Fairmont State. Campus Christian groups and individuals show that through being a follower of Jesus, one can be a leader in their community and the world.

Campus Light Ministries is a student organization that meets every Thursday during lunchtime in room 103 of Jaynes Hall. The group shares fellowship and worships God. During eac meeting, students have a Bible study, make prayer requests, and enjoy pizza during the lunch hour. Pastor Trueman leads the organization.

Baptist Campus Ministry meets Tuesday nights at Baptist Temple. Students gather for a nigl of live music, worship, and prayer.

Chi Alpha meets at the Bridge at Trinity Assembly of God on Thursday nights. They have a free meal followed by a service. Member Dan Six states, "Chi Alpha has been a life-changer for me. The friends and connections that I have made the past two years through the ministry will last a lifetime, but most importantly my relationship with God has grown and my life will not be the same because of it."

During the 2005-2006 semesters, Chi Alpha was involved in many enjoyable and influential activities. During the annual International Student Reception, members invited all international students to enjoy an evening and start friendships with American Chi Alpha students. They had foo from around the world, played "getting to know you" games, and drew names to let students choose from a selection of household items that they might not have been able to bring from home, such as cleaning supplies, dishes, furniture, and even gift cards.

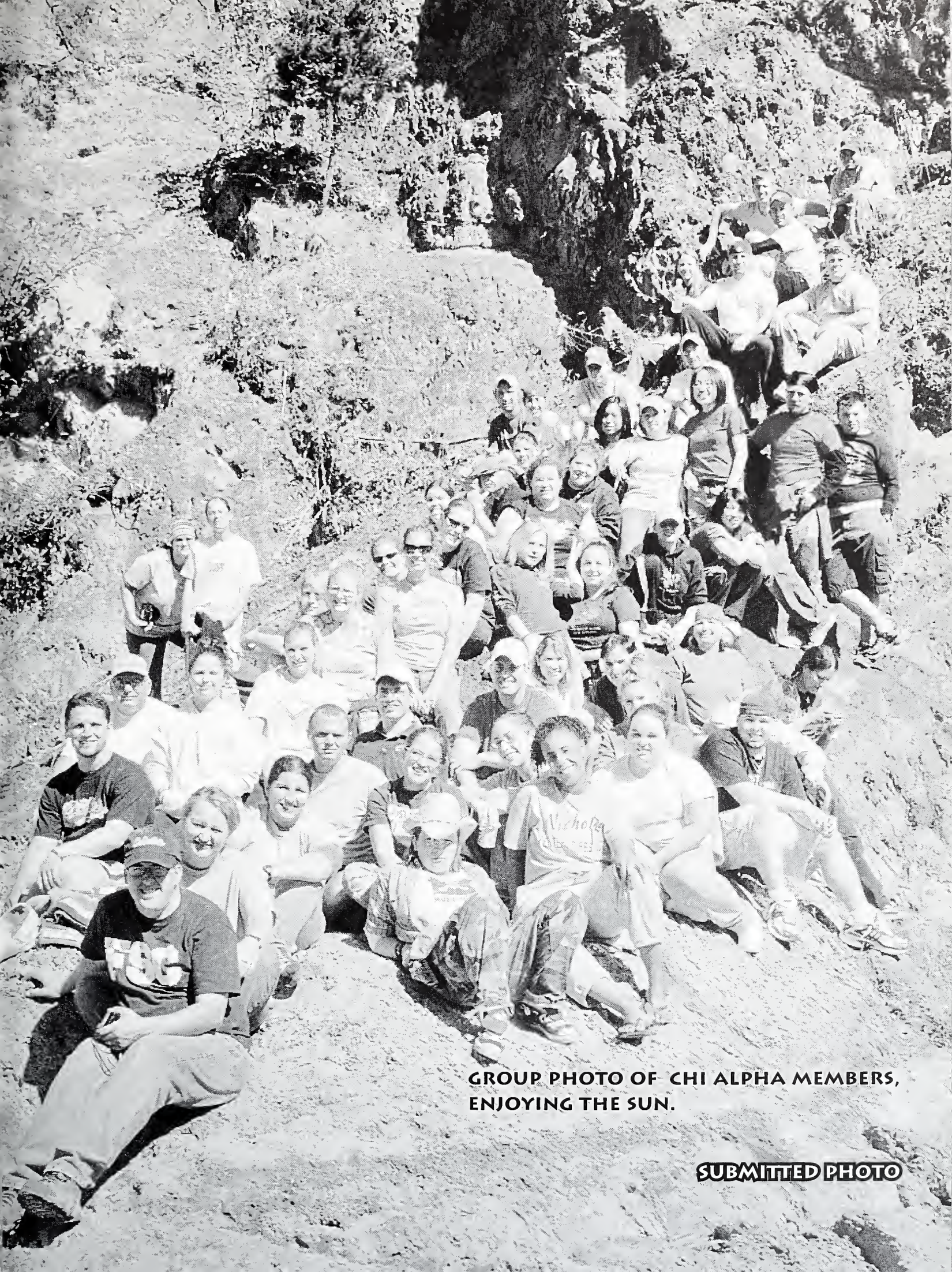
A group of students went to a national Chi Alpha event in early December 2005 called the World Mission Summit, where the focus was on reaching people around the world with the love of Christ. Many people volunteered to dedicate a year in another country to help in practical ways. There were 4,000 students at this summit.

Student Ashley Williams stated, "It was awesome to see XA has a global impact that reaches beyond Fairmont State." Chi Alpha students also take a bi-annual camping trip called an "Advance," where they use their time to move forward in relationships. The weekend trip is complete with games, Bible study, prayer time, worship, and relaxation with friends.

Student Chris Sharps was hired as pastoral associate to assist Father Larry Wrenn at Holy Spirit Church in Monongah and Saint Anthony Church in Fairmont. The position was posted in several national professional journals. Chris applied for the position and was hired. He coordinates such ministries as music, youth, young adult, nursing home visitation, hospital visitation, and the training for those ministries. He said, "The best part about the job is that it is so spiritually rewarding. I worked in retail for several years, and it's a comforting thought that what I have to offer now is free, and that's the love and compassion of Christ."

The power of love is abundant, although some may be blind or otherwise distracted from its presence. It is encouraging for us all to know that so many young adults are willing to be different, make a difference, and develop the bond that connects us all through faithful deeds and an unfaltering welcome.

BY RACHEL SKUBI



GROUP PHOTO OF CHI ALPHA MEMBERS, ENJOYING THE SUN.

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The Falcon Center is an addition to Fairmont State that encourages student and faculty interaction, relaxation, and fitness. Standing out from the other buildings due to its size and modern look, it undoubtedly makes an impression to people on campus and the community.

The opening of the Falcon Center has boosted fitness and wellness and recreation. Many students, faculty, and staff spend their breaks throughout the day working out instead of lounging out. Instead of spending the extra and sometimes unavailable money for gym memberships and the gas to get there, the Falcon Center's 7,000 foot fitness area provides equipment, machines, and weights. Various fitness programs are also offered in Colebank Gym. Classes include spinning, pilates, cardio kickboxing, yoga, water aerobics, and Pai Lum martial arts and are open to students, employees, and the community with individual fees.

The Falcon Center has a four-lane track, a 25-yard lap pool, whirlpool, and sauna, and five courts designated for basketball, volleyball, badminton, tennis, and soccer. The intramural program provides students who are not members of FS athletics to take part in various sports teams. Intramural games have become an enjoyable activity for both participants and onlookers as many students come to watch and support their friends.

Besides athletic-related features, the Falcon Center includes the Nickel, dining hall, gameroom, FS bookstore, student health services, copy center, campus security, and dining and study areas with wireless connection. The dining hall seats 500 people and includes a balcony, where many students and faculty like to eat their meals on nice days and enjoy the view. Merchandise and products have also increased with the bookstore and eating areas' new locations. Various events take place in Gym One, which has brought attention to fairs, programs, community service, and ceremonies that were previously overlooked without the convenient location.

For those who have attended Fairmont State prior to the Falcon Center, they are astonished at the growth and change the building has generated and wonder how they spent their free time without it. The center serves as prominent proof of Fairmont State's expansion. It provides the type of enjoyment and socialization that should accompany the often necessary isolation and silence of study-time.

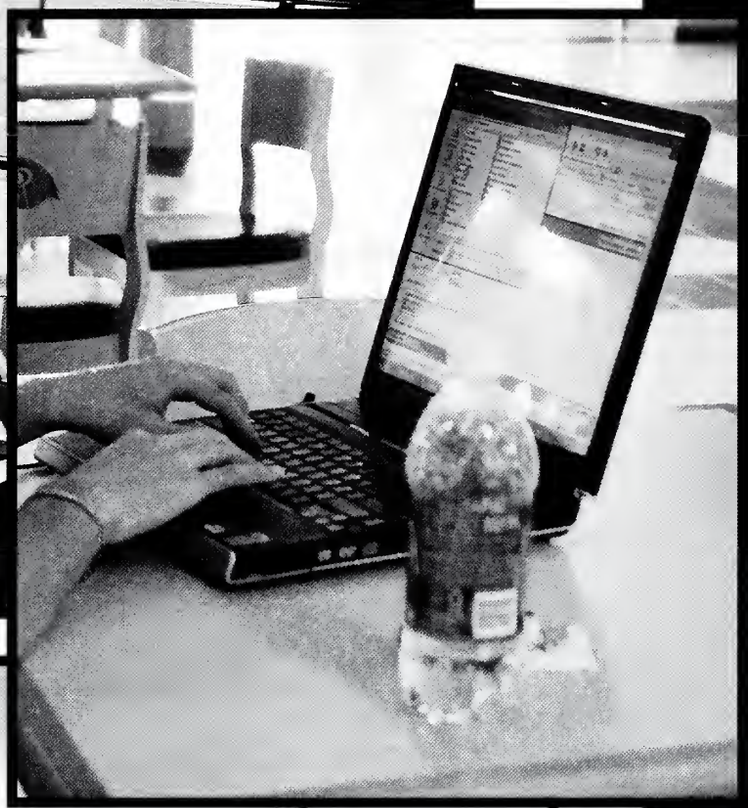
By Rachel Skubi

Falcon Center

President Dan Bradley center, James Griffin and Shane Livingston cut the ribbon to officially open the Falcon Center.

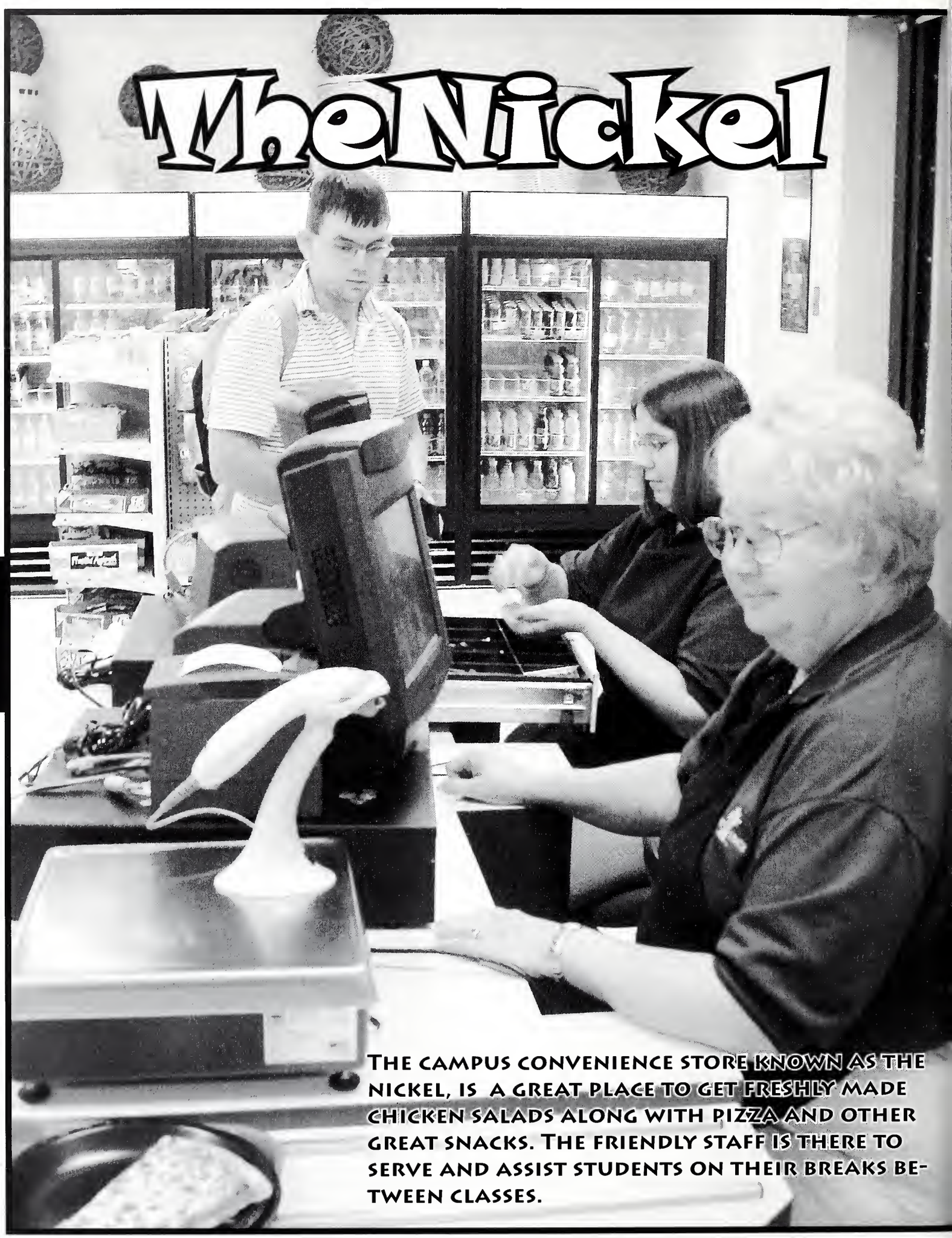
1992 Alumnus Frank Lopez lends his artistic talents to a mural that graces the back corridor of Main Street in the Falcon Center.

After the finishing touches were complete, the Falcon Center offered a weight room, track, wireless internet, the campus bookstore and much more.



Textbook Information
School Supplies

The Nickel



The campus convenience store known as the Nickel, is a great place to get freshly made chicken salads along with pizza and other great snacks. The friendly staff is there to serve and assist students on their breaks between classes.

Members of the Fairmont Faculty and staff are proud of the new cafeteria located in the Falcon Center. The cafeteria is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

The Dining Hall

Above
A hungry Fairmont State student fills his plate at the dining hall's salad bar.

Students enjoy an afternoon lunch on the balcony outside the cafeteria that was opened this fall.

Causes, Consequences, and Concern...

Although many college students enjoy escaping the stress of school with partying, it is valuable to be aware of the risks and problems that may develop from an excess without thought. Alcohol Substance and Abuse and Sexuality Awareness Week was held in combination with events of Oktoberfest October 17-20. Events let students become more knowledgeable about the dangers that surround them and offered a variety of alcohol-free and safe activities.

Delta Zeta held an information booth in the Falcon Center where sorority members handed out pamphlets about drugs, alcohol, and sexual topics. Eric Simpson of the Caritas House presented "HIV 101/Faces of AIDS" in the Turley Center Fireside Room. Sponsored by the International Student Organization, Pruntytown Correctional Facility inmates shared their stories concerning drug and alcohol abuse.

Sigma Sigma Sigma gave free banana splits in the Falcon Center, while the Black Student Union demonstrated "sobriety glasses," showing how alcohol distorts senses. Tau Kappa Epsilon sponsored "Sexual Health," a talk about STDs presented by campus physician Dr. Matt Verona in the Turley Center. Many students gathered on the first floor of the Falcon Center to hear speakers discuss domestic violence and met outside for a candlelight vigil to remember victims and join in prayer and sympathy. The week concluded with Student Government's "Willie Wonka's Mix-Off." Students dressed as characters from the movie, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" in an attempt to win an IPOD Shuffle for the best-dressed. The evening featured free food and prizes as well as cash prizes in a banner contest and a contest to mix the best nonalcoholic drink.

The week served as an educational and enjoyable time for students to recall the causes, consequences, and concern of important issues facing their lives and the larger world.

BY RACHEL SKUBIS

ABOVE
FAIRMONT STATE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE MIX OFF HELD DURING SEXUAL AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK.

LOCAL RADIO CELEBRITY LACY NEFF BROADCASTS FROM THE FALCON CENTER DURING THE WILLIE WONKA MIX OFF.

PICTURES BY JOHN PISCITELLI

Behind the Books

Professors – those strange, quirky people who stand in front of the room and lecture you endlessly on subjects ranging from the sciences to humanities – what is up with them?

Students prefer to see them as one-dimensional creatures who serve a single purpose – to educate them on a particular subject matter. Little thought goes into what these people do after school is over or where they retreat at the end of the day.

But, there is more than meets the eye here.

The truth is faculty members are just older people with varied interests and hobbies. Outside the classroom and outside their field of study, you might find them immersed in the arts or music, sports or some creative hobby.

Fairmont State's faculty is a diverse group of enthusiasts and hobbyists who like to spend their quality hours out of the classroom in pursuits of passion.

Rhonda Sanford, Language and Literature chairwoman, is an accomplished artist who loves watercolors. She takes classes and spends here free time creating Christmas cards and works of art. In her spare time she and friends alternate going to one another's home and painting.

Linda King, a math professor, is an accomplished basket maker whose works are often displayed at arts fairs and festivals. Greg Hill has been tying flies for fishing for more than 20 years. He finds the hobby both relaxing and profitable.

Arts and Sciences Dean Martin Bond and wife, Sharon, love to dance and have performed for audiences for years.

Not everyone enjoys quiet, reserve hobbies.

Journalism professor Kevin Z. Smith and criminal justice adjunct professor Greg Noone play hockey on the same team in a Morgantown recreation league. They recently won the league championship on a team that featured a number of West Virginia University students.

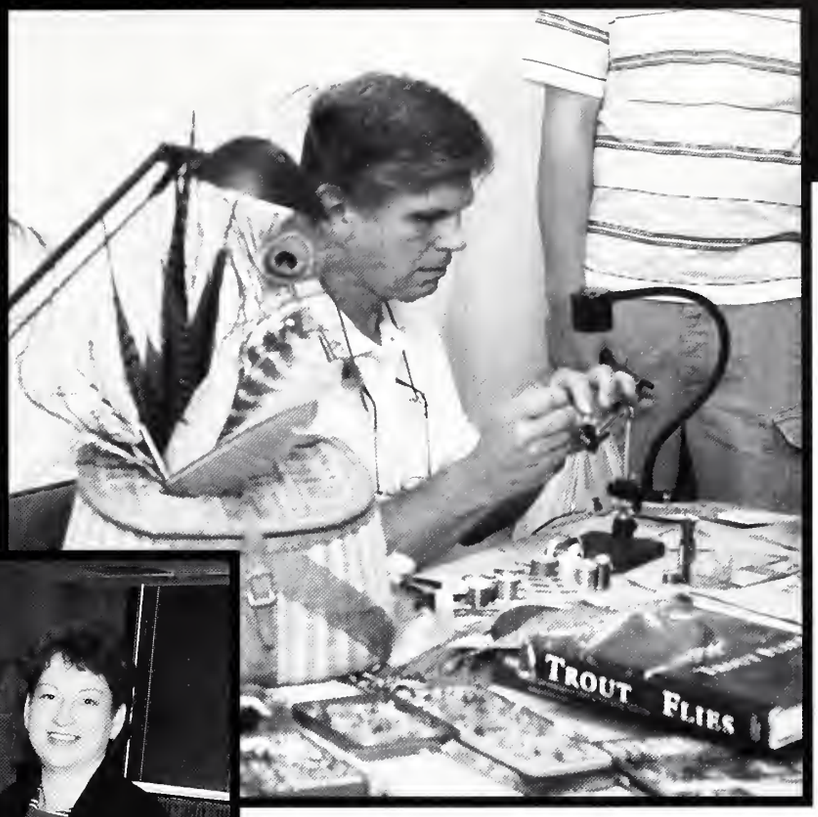
"A lot of students think professors are incapable of doing anything besides reading and lecturing. I'm constantly being told I'm too old to play hockey, but that comes from people who want to mentally pigeon-hole you with their perception of what you're suppose to be," Smith said.

Most of the time, faculty out-of-class hobbies don't garner attention. But, professor Matt Scanlon of the chemistry department rose to new heights recently by climbing Kilimanjaro in Africa and it made news.

"It was well worth it," Scanlon said of his time spen in the wilds of Africa. "Every part of it, and the challenge, was fun." He said climbing wasn't nearly as bad as adjusting to the altitude.

Virtually every professor has a hidden talent or enjoys a particular hobby that makes them a little more interesting and reminds students that besides being a teacher, there is more there than meets the eye.

By Mound staff



Professor Greg Hill demonstrates how to tie flies for fishing.

Linda King and Geneva Hines display their baskets. Both professors enjoy basket weaving as a hobby.

Sharon and Martin Bond perform a country dance step at a faculty talent show.

Kevin Smith helped his hockey team win a recreational league title.

Mound photos Submitted

non-traditionals

A lot of college students come straight out of high school to further their education and to try new life experiences away from home. However, not all students are what we think of as a typical college student. Non-traditional students have had some time outside of the classroom and chosen to come back to school. In doing so, they often have to make sacrifices such as spending less time with their families and spending more money to pay for gas and traveling expenses.

Barbara Reed chose to go back to college because she "didn't want to work at Wal-Mart." Being an older student, she doesn't have to worry about "fitting in", which allows her to be focused on her class work.

"I know what I want and what it takes to get it. Nothing is going to stand in my way," stated Reed.

Reed admits that non-traditional students, or "non-trads", sometimes face a few problems. For example, she learns differently than a student who is fresh out of high school. It takes Reed longer to recall information from class now than it did when she was in high school. She has taught herself to memorize information, which is helping her overcome this difficulty.

When it comes to fitting in and making friends, a non-traditional student may feel like they're not one of the crowd due to age and life experiences. Reed said that she sometimes feels that people think she shouldn't be there. She and many of the other non-trads have had to adjust to the fact that they are older than some of their teachers and have more life experience than their fellow students. Reed said that although FSU tries to accommodate non –traditional students, she would like for them to be more understanding of her unique situation. One of the things she would change is to have her instructors address her as Mrs. Reed rather than her first name.

Like Reed, other non-trads have adjusted their study skills to new learning techniques. For many non-trads, "extra curricular activities" are jobs, housework, and caring for families. Despite the extra demands on their time, they still manage to do homework and study; many have an excellent grade average.

FSU has always welcomed non-traditional students, who prove that you are never too old to earn a college degree.

By Brandi White

Education isn't fixed to a particular age. Non-traditionals make up a large portion of the Fairmont State student body.

A non-traditional nursing student practices her bed making technique.

Barbara Reed studies before her next exam. She graduated in May with her Lab Assistant certificate.

The rigors of education are tough on all students no matter what the age.

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Fairmont State University

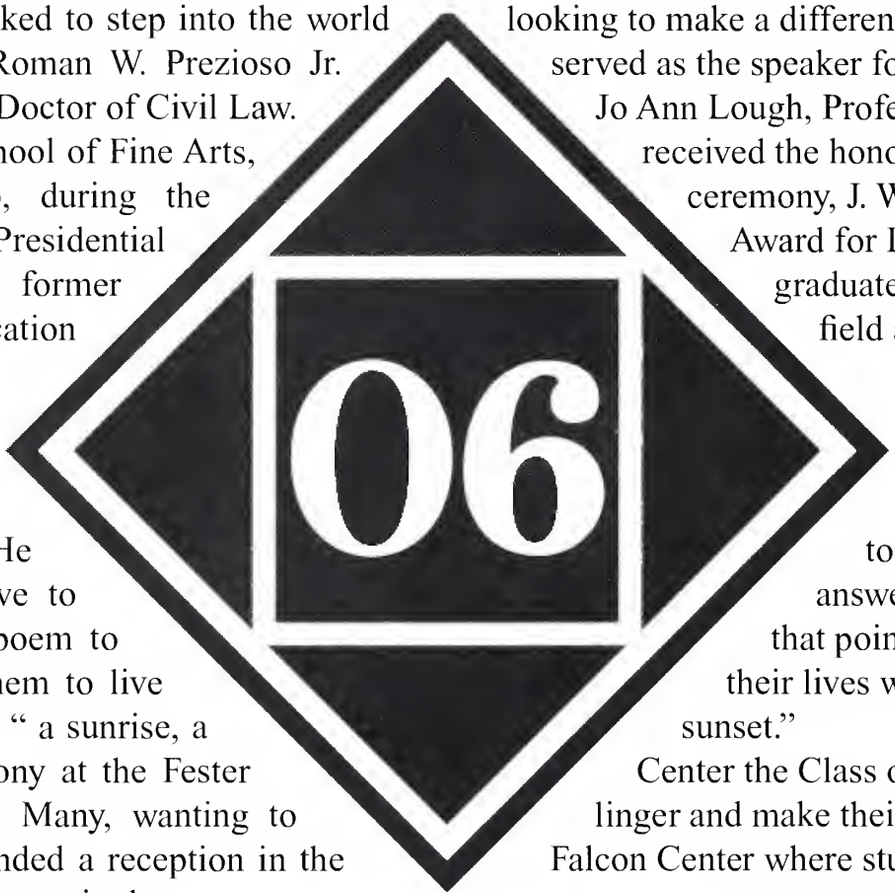
It's been called an event where a speaker, addressing hundred of people wearing identical caps and robes tell students that the key to their success is their individuality.

It's commencement or graduation, the ceremony that signals the end of the formal education process in favor of real life experiences.

On May 13, more than 740 students were handed degrees as part of Fairmont State University's and Fairmont State Community & Technical College's joint Spring Commencement ceremony. Dress attire aside, they will be asked to step into the world looking to make a difference, in individual ways.

West Virginia Sen. Roman W. Prezioso Jr. served as the speaker for the event and received the honorary degree, Doctor of Civil Law.

Jo Ann Lough, Professor Emeriti, Speech and Theatre, FSU School of Fine Arts, received the honorary degree, Doctor of Fine Arts. Also, during the ceremony, J. Woodrow Sayre will be presented with the Presidential Award for Lifetime Achievement. He is a 93-year-old former graduate, who spent much of his life in the education field as a teacher and administrator.



In his speech, Prezioso told the students that their success and worth is measured by nothing more important than their own values. He told them that at the end of the day, "you have to answer to the person in the mirror" and read a poem to that point.. Lough encouraged them to live their lives with passion because time goes by quickly, " a sunrise, a sunset."

Following the ceremony at the Fester Center the Class of 2006 was dismissed to begin a new life. Many, wanting to linger and make their college experience last a bit longer, attended a reception in the Falcon Center where students, parents, faculty and staff had a chance to mingle.

By Mound Staf

Graduating Class of 2006

Graduates and families celebrate a very special occasion.

A graduating member of the swim team, Rod Hunte addresses the crowd.

The Man in the Mirror

When you get what you want in your struggle for self,
And the world makes you King for a day,
Then go to the mirror and look at yourself,
And see what that guy has to say.

For it isn't your Father, or Mother, of Wife
Whose judgment you must pass.
He's the feller to please, never mind all the rest.

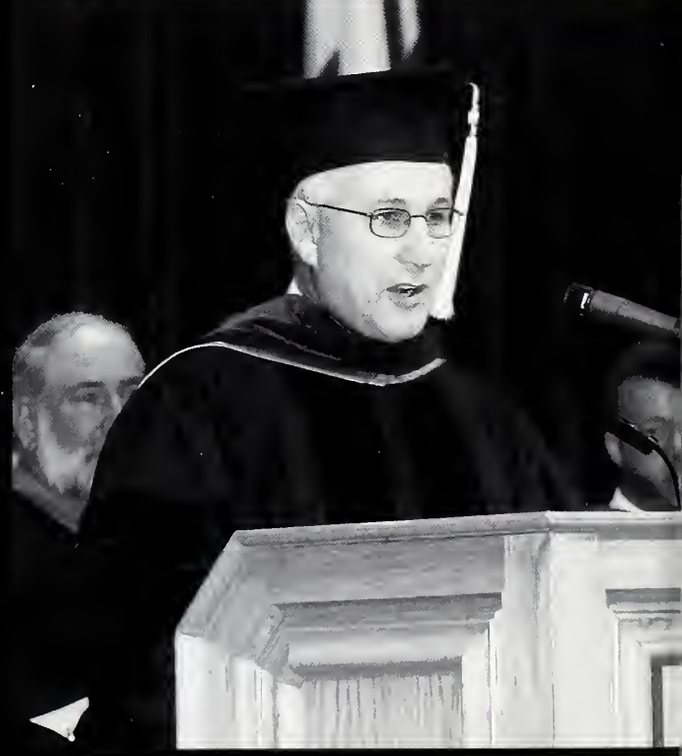
For he's with you clear to the end,
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test
If the guy in the mirror is your friend.

You may be like Jack Horner and 'chisel" a plum,
And think you're a wonderful guy,
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

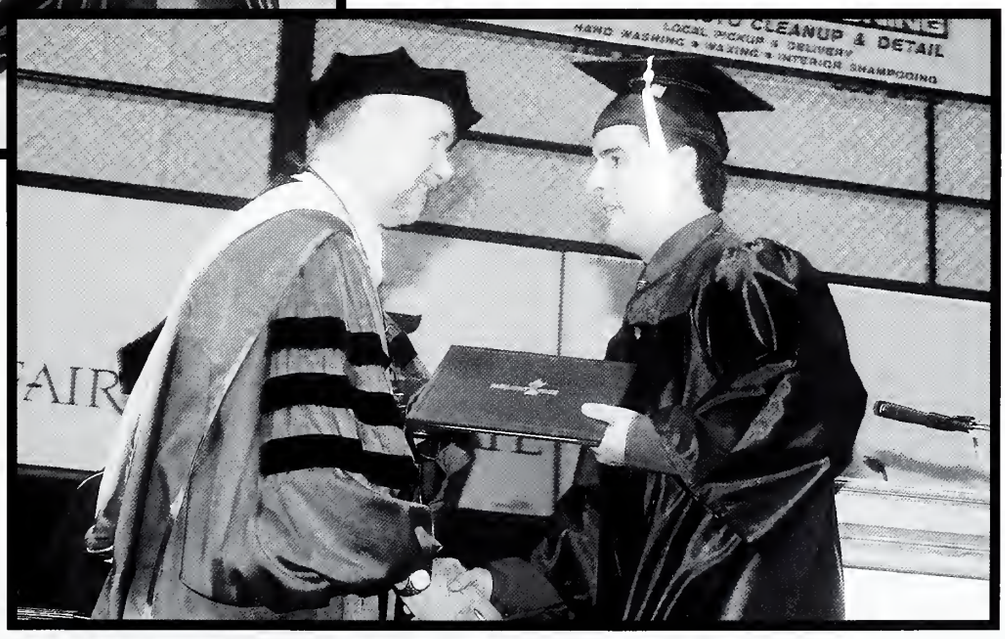
You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years,
And get pats on the back as you pass,
But your final reward with be heartaches and tears
If you've cheated the man in the glass.

By Dale Wimbrow

West Virginia Senator Roman Prezioso delivers the 2006 commencement speeech



J. Woodrow Sayre receives the presidential award for life-time achievement.



President Bradley awards the class of 2006 with a handshake, a friendly smile and their diploma.

Mound Photos by John Piscitelli

THE SNOW HAS MELTED, THE TEMPERATURE RISES AND THE FLOWERS BLOOM, SPRING IS IN THE AIR. STUDENTS CAN PUT THEIR HEAVY COATS AND INSULATED PANTS BACK IN THE CLOSET IN EXCHANGE FOR MORE COMFORTABLE CLOTHING SUCH AS SHORTS AND T-SHIRTS.

Mound photos by Denise Stutler

FALCON SPORTS

It's just before dawn and most of the university's residents are still asleep. Maybe they are catching the last winks before getting up to make an 8 a.m. class. Maybe they're sleeping in because they had too much fun the night before.

But, not Matej Tomas or any of the other hundreds of Fairmont State University athletes who don the maroon and white.

Each morning, long before normal people arise and long after normal people go to bed, the day of the student-athlete continues. It's a cycle of studying, practice, conditioning and more practice. Oh, and don't forget classes.

Tomas, and All-American swimmer, can spend hours in the pool each day perfecting his skills and then must find time to do all of the other things expected of students.

It's the same scenario for every student athlete. Football players condition hard in the off-season and work even harder during the season. There is little time for anything else. Basketball, volleyball, tennis, running … college athletics is a grueling endeavor in light of the expectations on them to succeed in the classroom.

"It's not an easy job being a student athlete," FSU Baseball Coach Ray Bonnett said. "They are expected to do all the things students are do and find time for their sports both in season and off season. A lot of people couldn't keep up with this. They're a special group of kids."

Students juggle their time in ways most people wouldn't. Practice can come in the morning or late at night. Sometimes there are two-a-days. Team meetings are mandatory as well. Athletes have to carry a full-load of at least 12 hours. That means, reading and papers and tests.

"We put a demand on our athletes," Bonnett said. "I tell my guys, I want you in the front row of every class. If a professor has a problem, we want to know right away and I'll tell professors, 'put them in the front and make them accountable.' We want them to excel on the field and in the classroom."

Finding time to write a paper or study means cracking the books late in the night or on Sundays. There isn't time to socialize or go home for Mom's cooking.

"During the season you don't have the time or energy to go out and constantly socialize on the weekends like most students," football player Tony Sotelo said.

The mission statement for the FSU athletic department puts emphasis on the mixture of athlete to student.

"The Fairmont State Athletic Department is in the business of education, competition and leadership. Our purpose is to produce successful graduates and championship teams that reflect the core values of respect, responsibility, integrity, service and sportsmanship. All of our actions must be measured by our success in achieving these goals."

Bonnett, an assistant athletic director, says that success on the field is meaningless if there isn't any in the classroom.

"We don't want one without the other. Not everyone can do it."

So, people like Tomas, football All-American Matt Vance, basketball All-American Ashley Reed and two-sport standout Lindsay Edwards, along with everyone who rides the bench, will continue to pour their hearts and souls into their sports all the time walking that delicate balance of sports and studies.

BY MOUND STAFF

Fairmont state university falcon quarterback nate lewis checks positions before executing a play.

THE NATIONALLY RANKED FAIRMONT STATE CHEERLEADERS ENERGIZE THE CROWD DURING THE FALCON CENTER OPENING CEREMONY.

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BACKFIELD IN MOTION

Disappointing might be the best word to describe the season turned in by the Fighting Falcons football team during the 2005 campaign. Winners of 4 games in 10 contests, it was a down year in the record books, but that's what happens when you open with two loses against national powerhouses and lose your starting quarterback by midseason. Predicted to finish fourth in the 10-team league, they ended the season near the bottom.

But, that doesn't mean the team didn't bring heart and determination into every game and leave it all out on the field in trying to win. The Falcons were an up-and-down team in 2005 and no one can understand that, even Head Coach Rusty Elliott who said, "the team rose to occasions and then underachieved at other times."

Opening the season with sound defeats at the hands of the University of California (Pa.), 42-6 and Bloomsburg, 33-0, wasn't the way Elliot wanted to start the season. The offense never seemed to hit stride and miscues at key moments cost them scoring opportunities in those games.
But the Falcons righted the ship and in the third game they smacked Concord, 34-7 and in game four they laid a 52-0 whipping on West Virginia State. Suddenly, they were undefeated in the West Virginia Conference and sitting at the top of the league standings.
Everything was clicking on both sides of the ball – points were going on the scoreboard and the vaulted defense was showing its strength.
Then, the Dr. Jekyll-and-Mr. Hyde team lost quarterbacks Jay Phares and Nate Lewis and then lost their resilience. They posted four straight losses starting with a hard-fought loss to nationally ranked Shepherd.
"No team played harder and lost," Elliott said. "They were winners this day."

Glenville hung a 24-3 loss on the Falcons who were desperately trying to get a new offense established. Against West Liberty, they fell again, 27-15 and then were smacked in a Homecoming game with the University of Charleston, 30-5. UC was only in its second year of football after eliminating the sports many years ago and no one thought a second-year program could defeat an establish contender in the West Virginia Conference. Reeling from the four-game losing streak, the Falcons showed their mettle in the final two contests, pulling it together for a 55-15 drubbing of West Virginia Wesleyan and a 34-3 hammering of West Virginia University Tech. "We showed character coming back when we could have called in the rest of the season," the head coach said.

On offense, Wendell Johnson led all rushers with 904 yards and scored a team-high six touchdowns. Jo Jo Parker added 476 yards and three scores. At quarterback, the third-team replacement, freshman John Rahl, passed for 808 yards and six touchdowns and Robbie Graham grabbed 37 balls for 446 yards and two scores as a wide receiver.
On defense, the beast at linebacker, Matt Vance, recorded a team-high 110 tackles easily outpacing the closest defender who had 56 tackles. For his work Vance was named to the All Northeast Regional first team, the Daktronics NCAA Division II All-American team and the Don Hansen Gazette NCAA Division II All-Northeast Regional Team. He was invited to participate in the fifth East Coast Bowl along with fellow Falcons: tightend Justin Llewellyn, offensive lineman Robert Henning and defensive back Shawn Jemison.
The Falcons lost 11 seniors including: Marlon Burnette, Mark Ostrowski, Josh Romeo, Josh Skidmore, Tyler Bailey, Dustin Cogar, Jemison, Phares, Vance, Henning and Llewellyn.

On a sad note, the Fairmont State community lost a valuable member of the Falcon team in early January when sophomore lineman Sam Craddock was killed in a car accident near his home in Spencer, West Virginia. He had recently celebrated his 20th birthday.

BY MOUND STAFF

Junior runningback Wendell Johnson tries to change directions and cut the corner on an end sweep as lineman Robert Henning blocks. Henning received post-season honors for his play.

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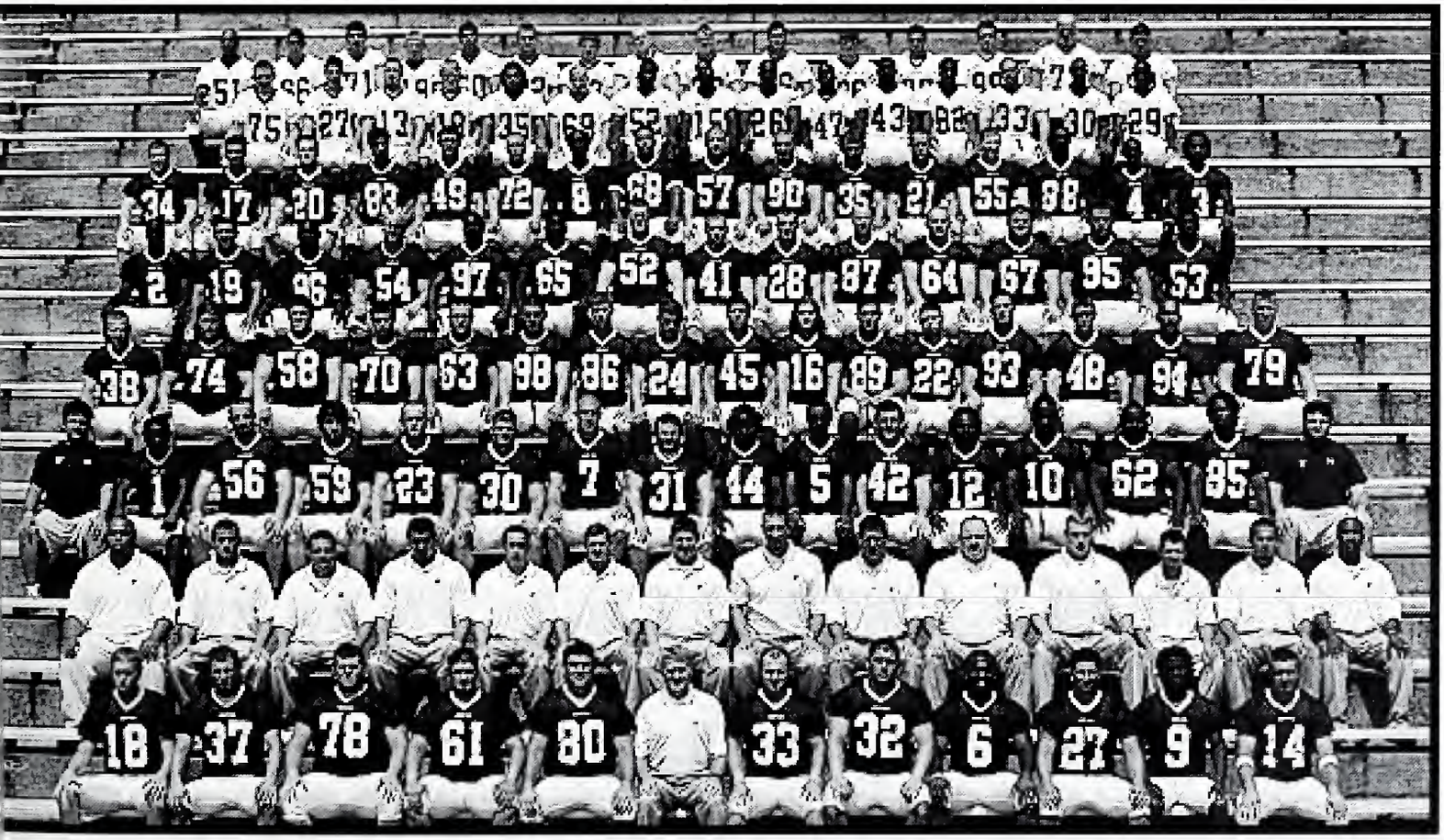
The 2005 Fairmont State University Football Team



Matt Vujaklya (24) chats with his father after the FSU homecoming contest against Concord.

Kyle Knight (52) walks off the field after a game with his father and father's girlfiend following. Falcons and their families stay close throughout the season.

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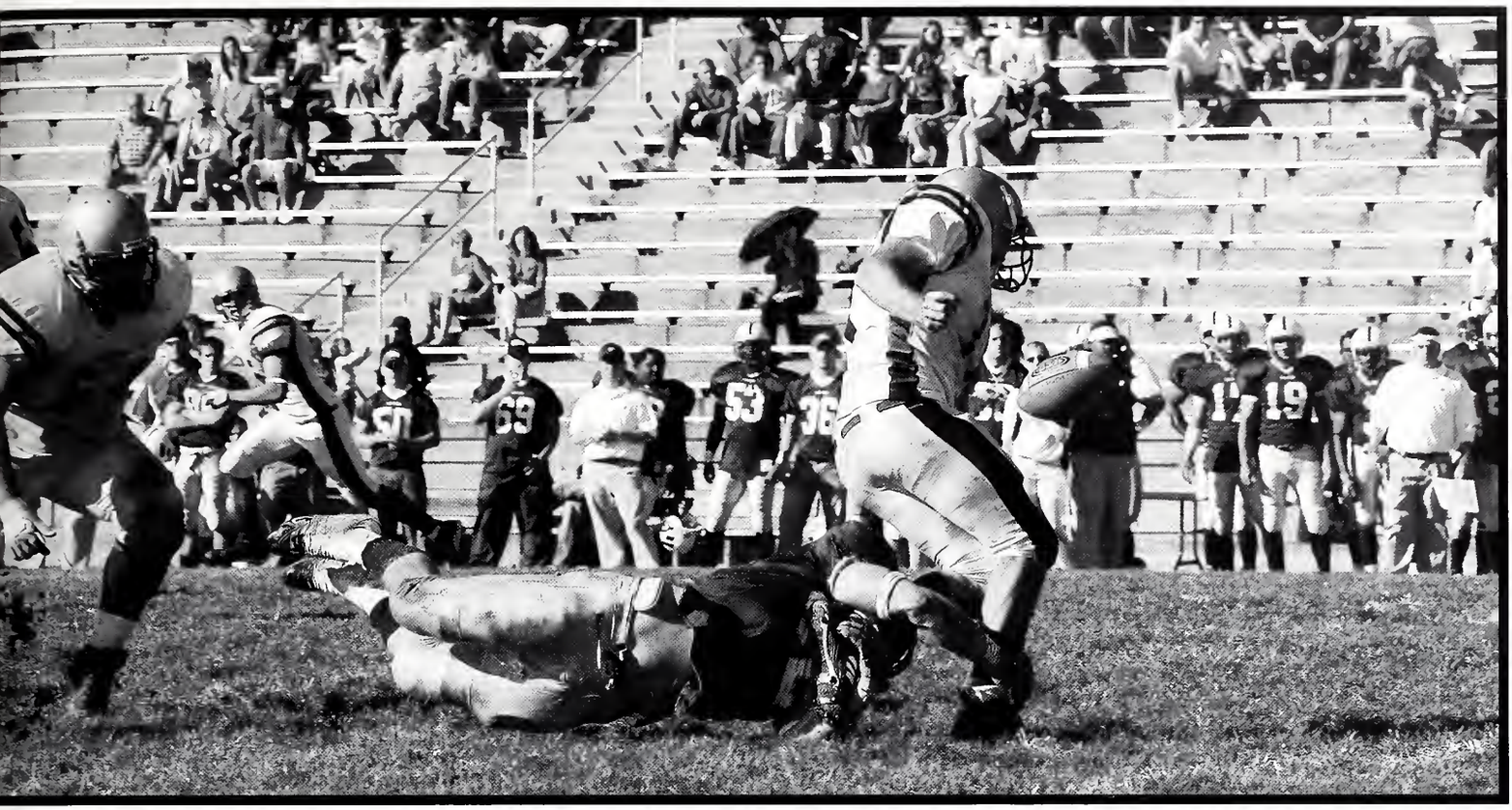

A tough Falcon defensive player wraps up the quarterback for Concord University during a homecoming game.

Fairmont State President Daniel Bradley and fans enjoy some snacks in the sun while anticipating the game.

PLAY hard
to WIN

2006 Fairmont State University Men's Basketball Team

The 2005-2006 season was somewhat of a rollercoaster ride for the Fairmont State men's basketball team. Unfortunately filled with more lows then highs as the Falcons finished up with an overall record of 13 wins and 14 loses taking 10th place in the WVIAC.

The ride ended on February 28 when the Falcons fell to up-state rival West Liberty State 100-81 at the West Liberty Academic Sports and Recreation Center in the opening round of the WVIAC tournament.

But despite having many new faces in the line up this year, and having a head coach in only his second season, the Falcons always played hard and showed improvement as the season went on despite losing 10 of their last 12 games of the season.

Although the Falcons endured a losing season there were some individual milestones that were achieved during the 2005-2006 campaign, and those marks were achieved by Marvin Rashad and Chris Carey. Rashad, a 6 foot 4 inch senior from Cleveland, Ohio became only the 40th player in Fairmont State basketball history to break the 1,000 point mark for his career, and only the fourth player to break such mark in only two seasons. Marvin ended his career as a Falcon 39th all-time in scoring with 1,014 points. His efforts this season earned him Honorable Mention on the WVIAC All-Conference team.

As Rashad's great career as a Fairmont State Falcon comes to an end, another talented Falcon's career is just beginning in 6'4" freshman guard Chris Carey. Carey who is a native of Morgantown, West Virginia became a freshman standout not only for the Falcons, but nationwide as he was named to the Bulliten Magizine Division II Freshman All-American Team after averaging 11.5 points per game and 1.7 assist per game. As a freshman Carey started 25 of the 27 games last season and was second on the team in minutes played. His high mark for the season came when he dropped 28 points in a loss to non-conference foe California Pa on December 30.

Although the 2005-2006 season was a tough one for the Falcons the future looks better for Fairmont as coach Tim Murphy and his players will be ready in 2006 as they try to bring back the dominance that the Falcons had during his playing days in the 1970's winning conference titles nearly every year that decade.

BY TONY SOTELO

The Falcons Kevin Pearson drives to the basket against Concord State.

JuMp HiGher!

CHRIS CAREY HAS HIS SHOT BLOCKED BY DAVIS & ELKINS DEFENDER.

COACH TIM MURPHY TALKS TO THE TROOPS.

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Although the Lady Falcons basketball team was unable to defend it's conference title that it won during the 2004-2005 season, it still enjoyed a very successful season posting an overall record of 21 wins and 8 loses, and a conference record of 12 wins and 6 loses.

Even though the season was cut short afte suffering a heartbreakin 65-77 lose to West Liberty in the quarter final of the WVIAC tournament, the Lady Falcons played hard and made great strides as the season progressed. The Falcons season was highlighted by a big overtime win in Institute, defeating conference rival West Virginia State in an 81-80 overtime thriller.

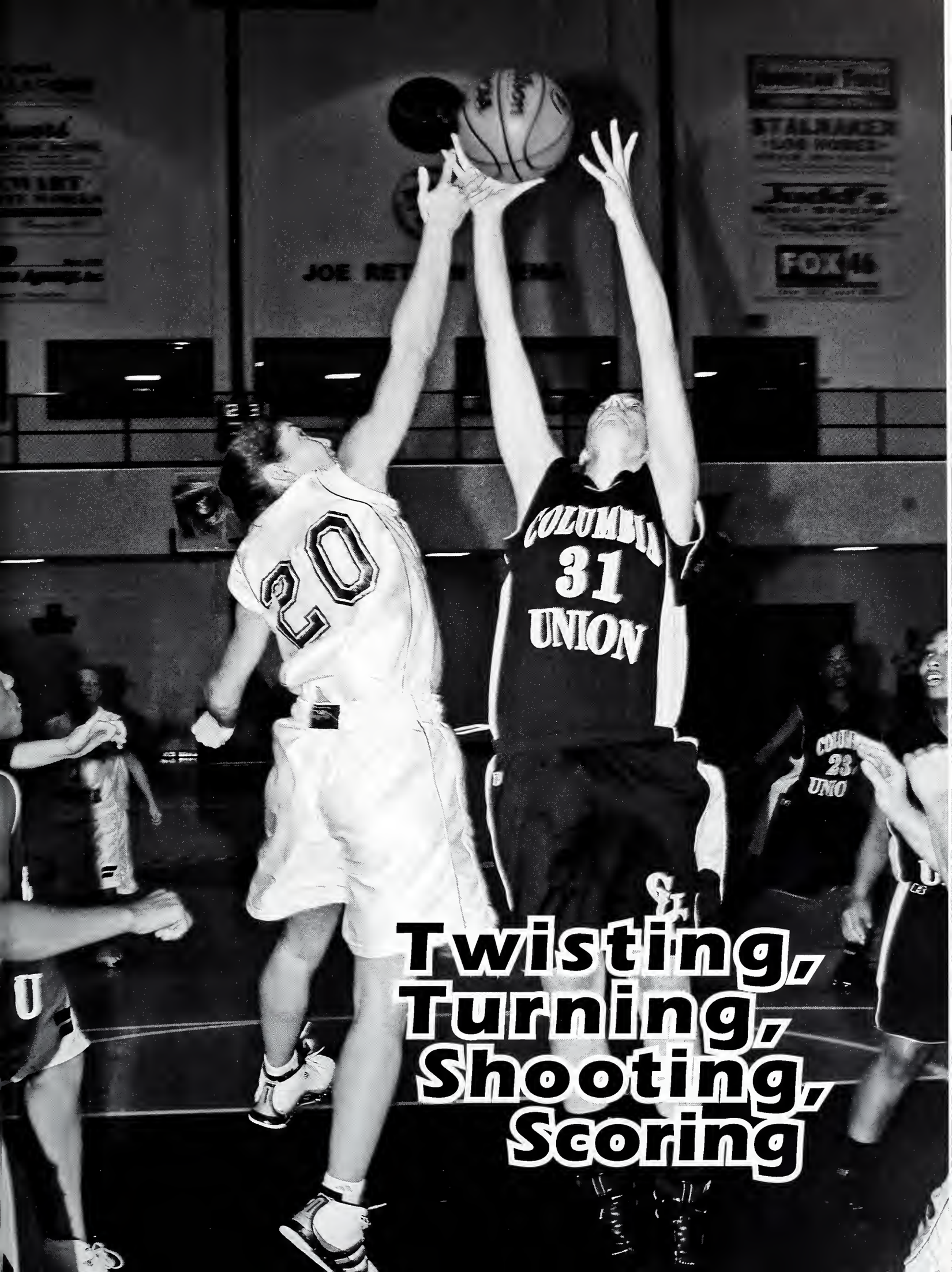
"I've been doing this now for 25 years and I can honestly tell you this was one of the better comebacks that I've had a team make," commented Coach Steve McDonald.

Another unforgettable moment during the Lady Falcons 2005-2006 campaign was senior point guard Ashley Reed's 50 point performance versus Columbia Union, in which she connected on 16 three point shots. Reed who was a three year starter from Barracksville, was the anchor of the Lady Falcons, leading the team and the conference in points per game (21.1) and three point goals (112) on her way to being named 1st team Bulletin All-American and 1st team All-WVIAC for the second straight year.

Sidney Thomas, another senior, who came to Fairmont State from Pittsburg, grabbed second team All-WVIAC for the third year in a row by being the second leading rebounder in the conference.

Although senior players Jenny Campbell, Ashley Reed, Sidney Thomas, Lindsay Edwards, and Katie Wimer will be missed, Fairmont State's women's basketball has a promising future with many underclasswomen working extra hard this off season waiting for their chance next season to bring the WVIAC women's basketball title back to Fairmont.

BY TONY SOTEL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Twisting,
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Danielle Cornish drives in for two points.

Ashley Reed looks for an opening. Reed is one of the school's greatest scorers.

BOX OUT

Molly Kiger battles for position against a Columbia Union player

The mascot tries to get the crowd into the game

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Top performer Lindsey Edwards returns a volley shot. far left

Falcon ladies ready for a doubles' match. inset left

After a long match in the sun, two teamates leave the court.

Tennis Anyone?

Fairmont State's Lindsay Edwards was among the first-team honorees for the First-Team All-WVIAC Tennis Teams. The Lady Falcon senior, who also is a member of the Lady Falcon basketball team, posted a 6-2 record at #1 singles this season. The 2005 tennis season is over now for Edwards so she can focus all of her attention now toward basketball. This will be her final season on the hardwood for the Lady Falcons, but noted that she will likely return for one more season of tennis next fall.

FS's lady tennis team started out their season with strong start. They defeated WVU Tech, Bluefield and Concord. They also defeated WV State 7-1 but witnessed their first lost to California, PA. Later in the season Fairmont State fell short to WV Wesleyan, Shepherd and Charleston. In the WVIAC tourney FSU was seeded 5th. Fairmont State's women's tennis team saw its season come to a close with a 5-3 quarterfinal round loss to WV Wesleyan. The fourth-seeded Bobcats took a 2-1 lead over the fifth-seeded Lady Falcons after doubles play and then won three singles matches to close out the Lady Falcons. (As stated in a FSU Press Release.)

Being seeded fifth was a good accomplishment for our Women's Tennis team this year. Your fans are proud of you all and are looking forward to next season.

By Johnna Barber

Mound Photos by Denise Stutler

GAME, SET, MATCH

Falcon junior David Marquette has been selected as a member of the 2006 All-WVIAC Men's Tennis Team. The Falcons hosted the University of Charleston and came up with a 5-2 advantage. David Marquette, Mark Vincent, and Justin Bryant each picked up a singles win. Marquette teamed up with Brandon Horner, while Vincent and Bryant teamed to win the only doubles matches contested.

In Fairmont State's first competition of the spring season, the Falcons dropped all six of their singles matches in straight sets and the three doubles matches to Salem International, shutting out the Falcons 9-0 Fairmont State picked up three wins, but had to forfeit two matches in a 6-3 loss to Frostburg State. They also dropped a pair of matches to West Liberty and WV Wesleyan. Fairmont State remained unable to po its first win of the season as Shepherd and Concord visited. Shepherd dominated the first match up 9-0 an Concord won 7-2. (As stated in a FSU Press Release.)

I'm sure the season didn't go as planned this year for the Fighting Falcon Netters, but all in all a lot was accomplished. Good Job Men's Tennis and I'm sure we are all looking forward to next season.

By Johnna Barbe

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CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY

The title West Virginia Conference champions has a nice ring to it, don't you think?

The members of the Fairmont State men's golf team like the sound of it. It rings true, like the sound a ball makes off the face of a titanium driver.

The Falcons won their first league title in 14 years behind the medalist play of junior Jon Burnside who lead a team that ultimately qualified for the Super 8 Regional Tournament. "I'm really happy for all of us," Burnside told the Times West Virginian newspaper. "We get along like a family and that's something which is beneficial when you have a team. We play for each other and together we were able to win a conference championship which is great for us, the coaches, Fairmont State University and our community."

"I am so proud of this golf team and this group of young men," third-year FSU head coach Reid Amos said, who for the second straight season was named the WVC's coach of the year. "Two years ago we were inexperienced and downright green and we finished 10th or 11th."

The hard-charging Falcons had outstanding years turned in by sophomore Will Gautreau and Justin Caroli and well as senior Micah Morrison and Vinny Gala

After landing a spot in the NCAA, Division III Regionals for the second straight year, the Falcons pushed themselves from near the end of the pack to third place before settling in at fourth in the eight-team match.

"Of course I'm pleased with what we were able to accomplish this year. We went from not being a factor in any tournament two years ago to making the national tournament for the first time last year, to being a factor in nearly every tournament this year, winning the conference title and finishing fourth in the East Region. I'm very proud of what this group of young men have accomplished," Amos told the local newspaper.

By Mound Staf

Jon Burnside swings for the green at the Fairmont Field Club.
Picture courtesy www.fairmontstate.edu

Going the extra mile

The road across county was one paved with trials and tribulations for the men and women cross county runners. The teams made a sporting show of it but finished well behind other conference school when the year ended.

In the first event of the season, the men's and women's both finished seventh at the Davis & Elkins Invitational.

Fairmont State's men's cross country team finished fourth in the four team field and the women's team finished eighth in the eight-team event at the 2005 Marietta Invitational. Fairmont State's 193 had the Lady Falcons posting an 8th place finish. Rachel Brown led the Lady Falcons with a 35th place finish in a time of 23:58.31. .

In the Greensboro Cross County Invitational, the Falcon men finished third in the five-team field with Jayson Lafferre leading the way.

The men's teams finished in fifth place at the conference championships in the 10-team field and the women managed a ninth place finish.

Members of the men's team include Jayson Lafferre, John Lafferre, Gerod Green, Daniel Moore, Joseph Morris, D.J. Navarini, Lee Taylor, John Thompson and Derrick Weaver.

Women runners included: Amanda Conrad, Jenna Facemire, Rebecca Fulaytar, Olivia Fulaytar, Meghan Phillips, Christine Zupanc and Brown.

By Mound staff

Making a Splash

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In a sport where success is measured in minutes and seconds, it was the numbers: 3, 18, 3.579 and 2 that were the hallmarks of the men and women's swimming season.

Capping a stellar junior year, Croatian-born Matej Tomas finished third in the NCAA Division II Championships in the 200-meter butterfly. His time pushed him to a school mark in that event.

The showing by him and fellow teammate William Muriel allowed Fairmont State to finish 18th in the national at the national meet, the highest level for a school with no relay teams.

"Matej and William swam great at this meet," FSU Swim Coach Pat Snively said in an interview on the Falcon homepage. "I'm pleased with the effort they gave."

The men's season was and up and down one. They never lost a dual meet all season and they set several meet and team records, but they came up short at the conference meet finishing fourth in the Bluegrass Mountain Conference.

A lot of the men's success came via Tomas and Muriel. Tomas currently holds six team records and seven Feaster Center pool records. The nine-time All-American had one third-place and two fourth-place finishes at 2006 NCAA Championships, was twice named National Swimmer of the Week, and is a three-time Bluegrass Mountain Conference Swimmer of the Year. He finished the season by being named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District men's at-large team.

Muriel, a junior from Gauyaquil, Ecuador, finished 12th in the 200 freestyle at nationals and won the 500 Yard Freestyle in a time of 4:39.41 at the conference meet.

For the second straight semester the women's swim team had the second highest collective GPA in the national among Division II swimmers. Their 3.579 average was only behind that of a 3.60. The men's team finished 10th in GPA with a 2.959.

"This was a very nice for our women to receive this type of recognition. It's tough on them to be outnumbered when we go to meets and that gets discouraging. They realize the value of their education and hopefully if we bring in several more kids next season, we'll see real progress in the pool," Sniverly said in a web-page interview.

The women were lead by Geri Angelova and Meghan Harpold's 4.0 average. The men were lead by Tomas' 4.0 GPA.

The women finished the season eight in the 11-team conference meet. They were lead by Michele Kniceley with a third-place finish in the 100-meter freestyle and a fifth in the 50-meter freestyle.

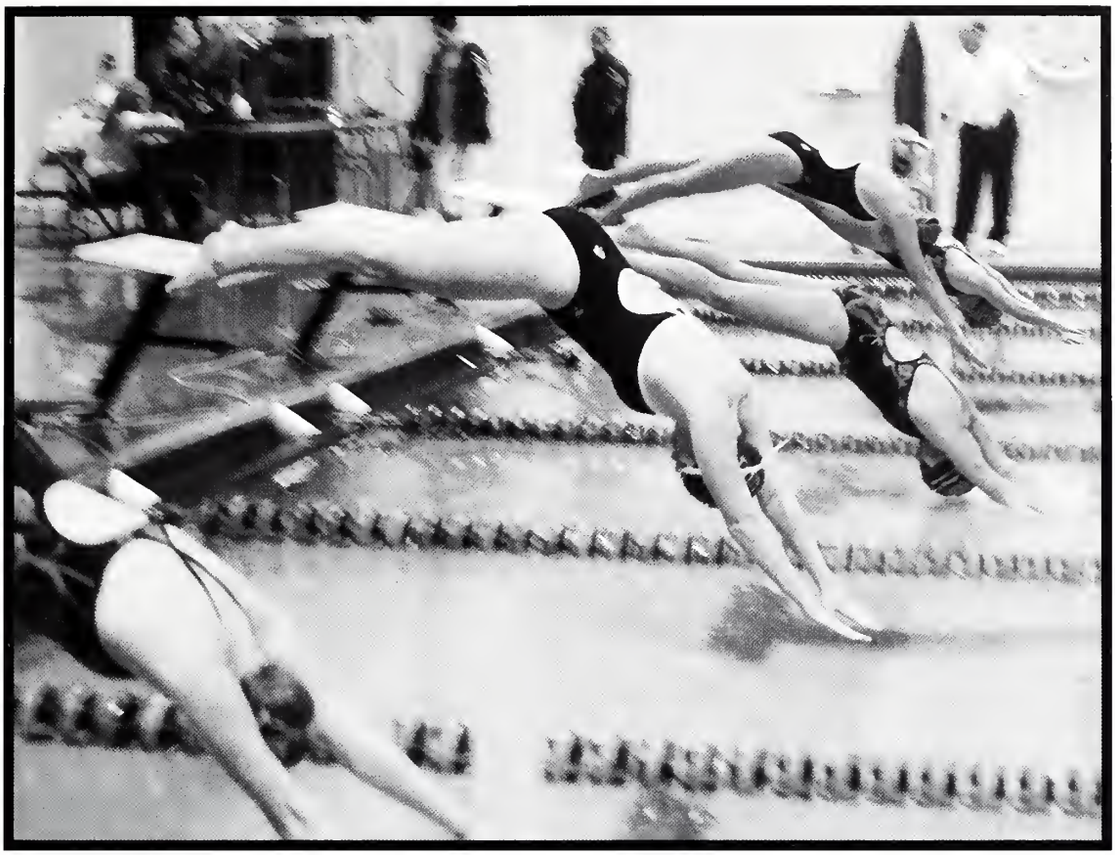
By Mound staff

FRESHMAN SWIMMER KYLE LILLEY PREPARES TO START HIS EVENT

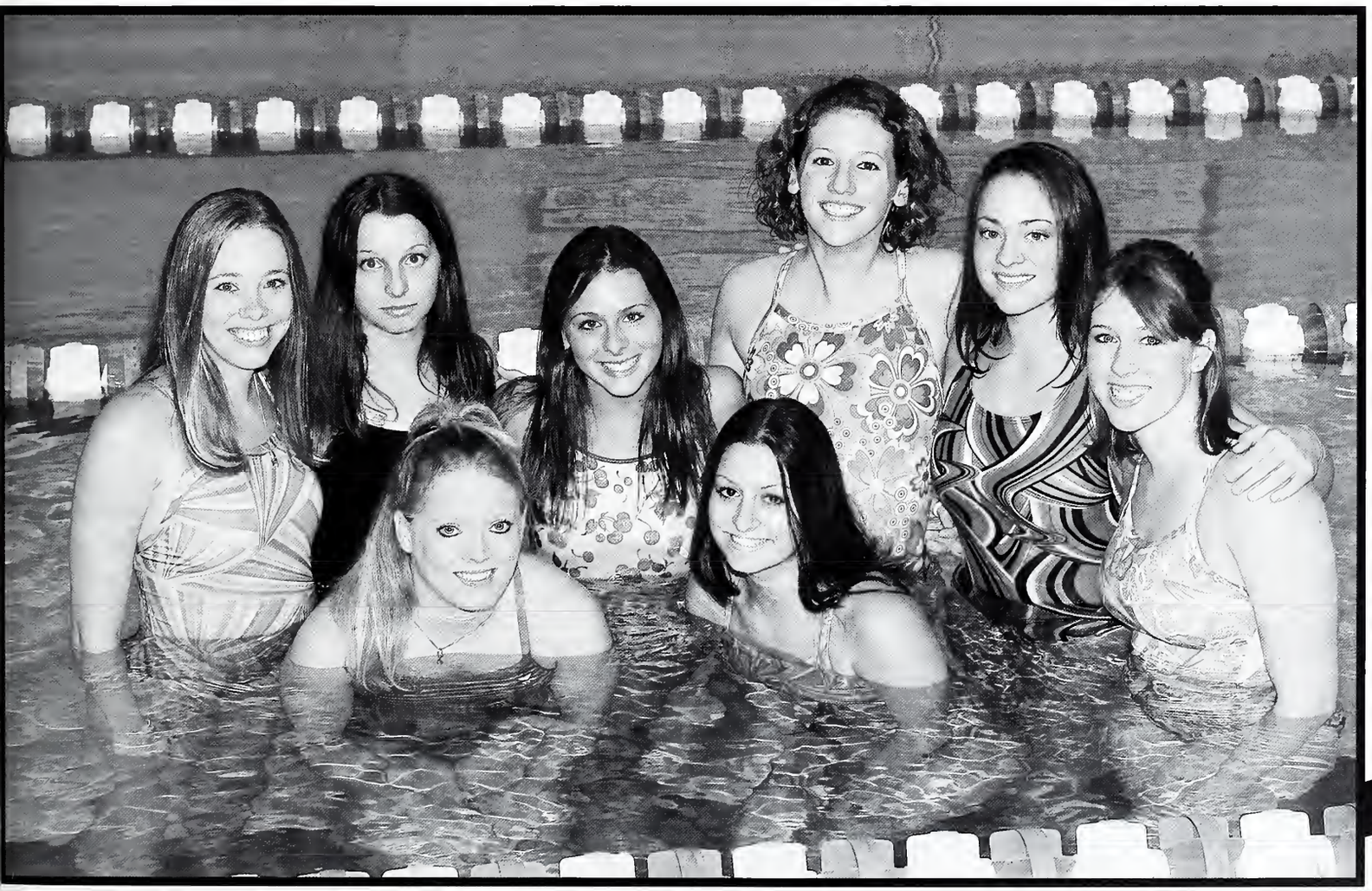
The Falcons' men's team for 2005-06

This competitor gets the most of every backstroke

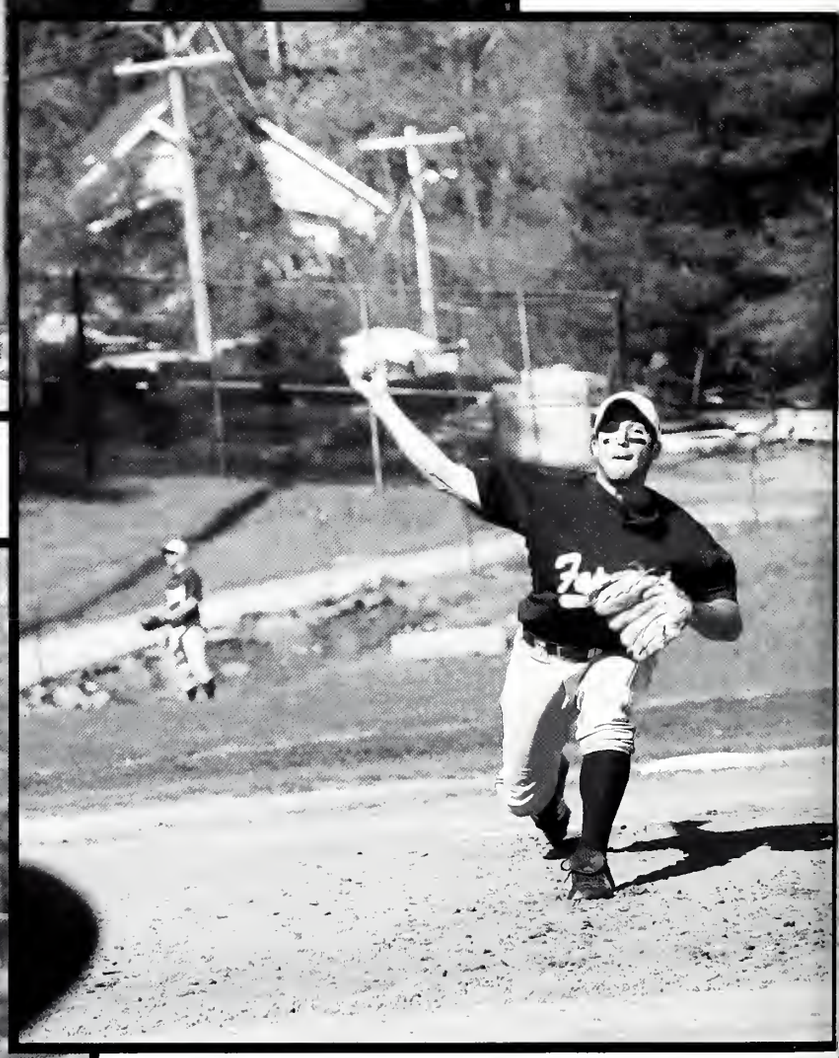
Off the starting blocks, two Falcon swimmers hit the water



The Falcons' women's team for 2005-06



WINNING ATTITUDE PUSHES DIAMONDMEN



WHETHER IT'S HITTING, PITCHING OR RUNNING THE BASES, THE FALCONS MADE THE MOST OF THEIR SKILLS.

MOUND PHOTOS BY JOHN PISCITELLI

Fairmont State's baseball team had one of those rollercoaster years where a string of wins was followed by a stretch of losses. No sooner had the Falcons clawed their way back with a grouping of victories, when they'd lose focus and drop a series.

In the end, the FSU team came close to evening out its record but finished the season with a 25-28 overall mark, a 14-8 league record and lost two straight in the West Virginia Conference Tournament. The season that started in promise ended when Shepherd pounded the Falcons 17-5 in the loser's bracket of the tourney.

On a bright note, the Falcons finished second in the northern division of the conference again and made the playoffs for the seventh time in eight years.

"It was one of those seasons" head coach Ray Bonnet said. "Things happen; It's a game of consistency and if you don't have that offensively, then you struggle."

Fairmont stated the season with a tough road trip to the South and hit mid-March with a 6-11 mark. A near break-even series of games brought them to an 11-17 mark before a losing streak put that to a 12-23 record. Fairmont won five of its next eight games and then a sweep of Salem International and a win over California State University of Pa. got the Falcons to a 20-26 mark. A five-game win streak brought them to 25-26 before tournament play.

The late-season flurry landed FSU in the playoffs for the seventh year.

"We've gotten good leadership from our seniors this year. I can't say enough about what they've done for this team. This is the seventh time in eight years that we've made the league playoffs and I'm very proud of that fact. It says something about our players in the program and our coaches," Bonnet said.

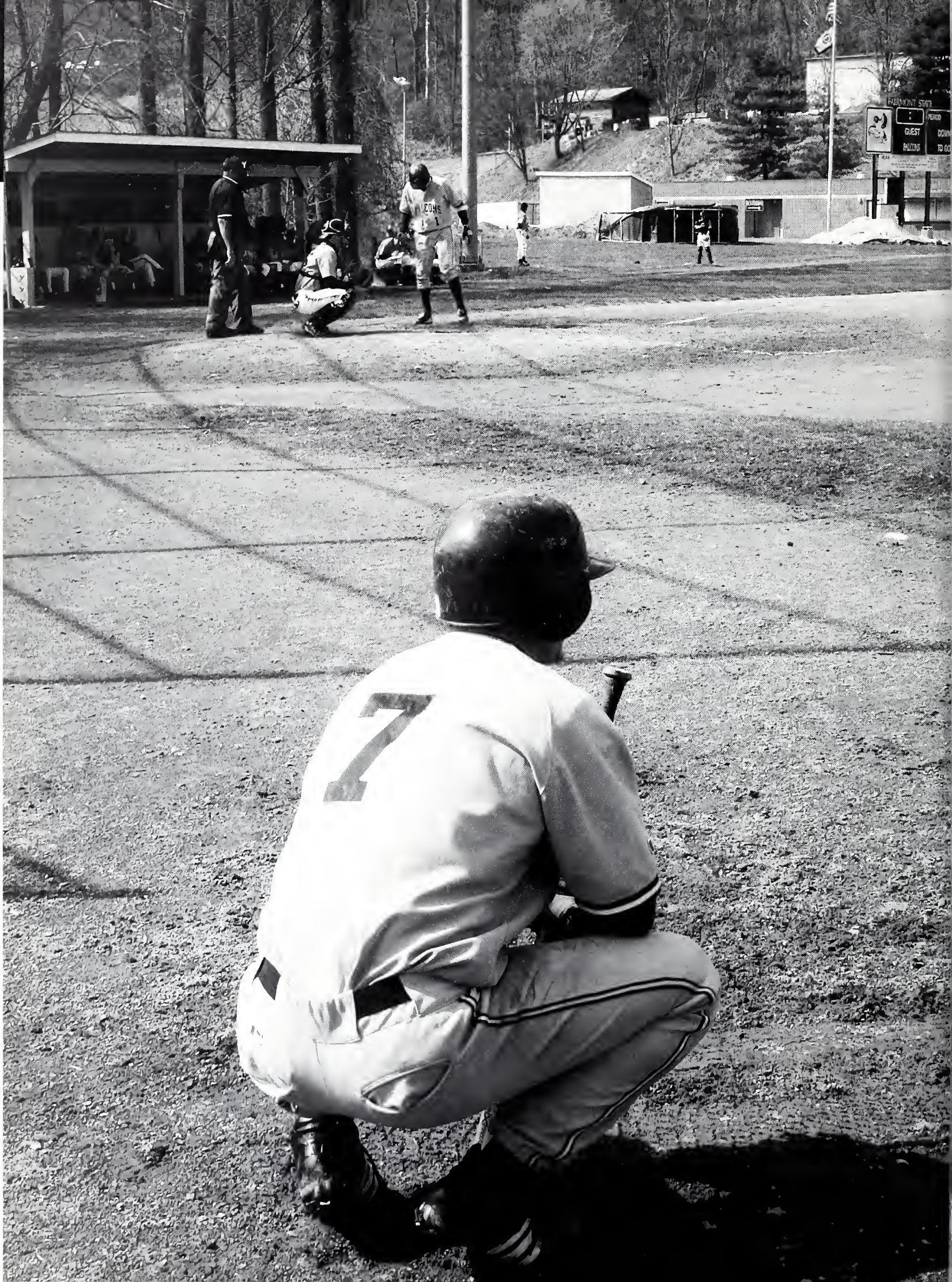
Fairmont and D&E faced each other in a four-game series back in mid-March and split the four games.

Fairmont State seniors Andrew Knight and Patrick Griffith major roles in the Falcons' second-place finish in the Northern Division of the West Virginia Conference. They were named to the All West Virginia Conference first team. Named to the second team was Josh Kusich and Nick Simmons was placed on the honorable mention team.

"I think we played pretty well. We're young. I don't normally like to say that, but we are. We have six freshmen starting for us, but on the whole we've done pretty well," Bonnet said.

BY MOUND STAFF

WATCHING FROM THE DUG OUT, THE FALCONS CHEER ON THEIR TEAMATES.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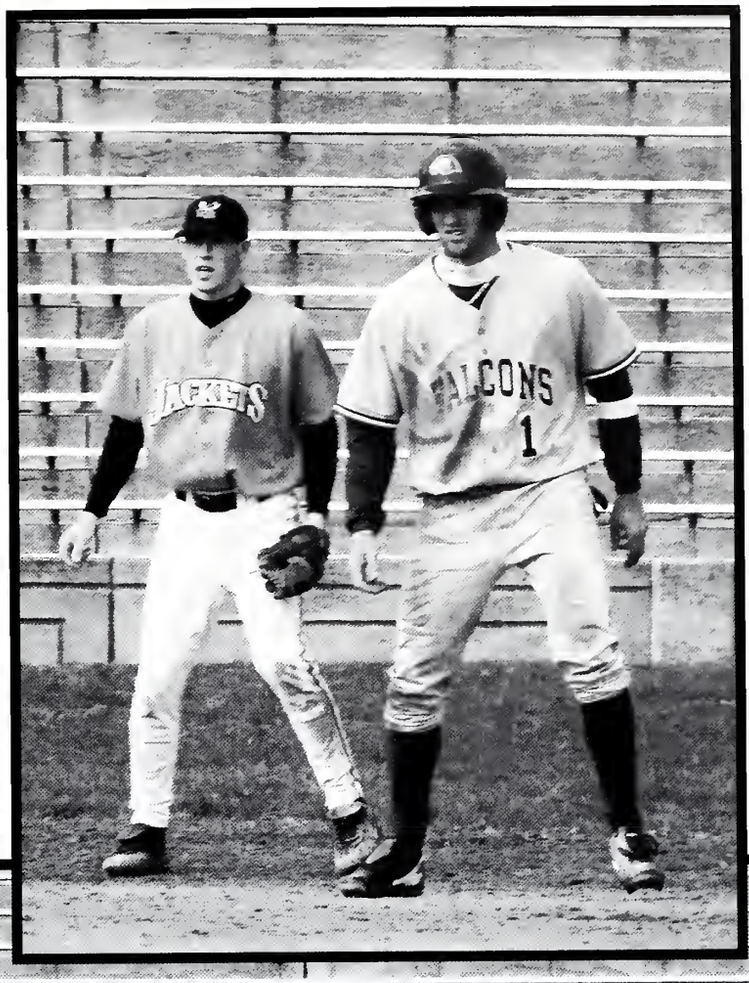
RESHMAN TYLER NUNN (7) WAITS FOR
IS TURN AT BAT. LEFT

AIRMONT SENIOR PATRICK GRIFFITH(1)
EADS OFF BASE.



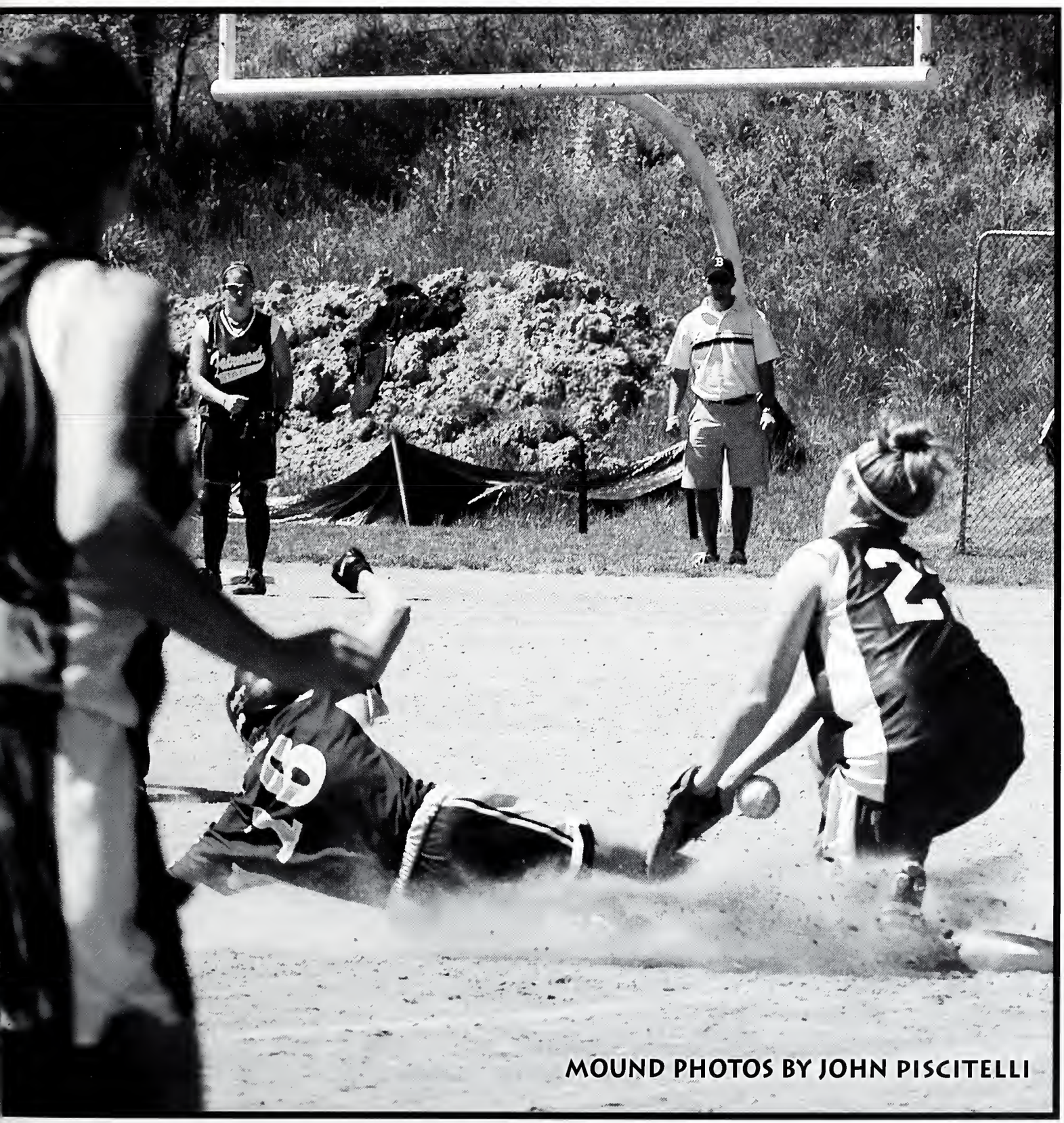
HE PLAYERS AND COACH GATHER ON
HE PITCHER'S MOUND FOR A SHORT
ONFERENCE.

Poised at second base this Falcon runner is ready to head home.

The Lady Falcons come together for a pep talk before a game. below

Infielder Whitnie Highland tries to apply the tag to a runner at third. Right

SANDLOT SENSATIONS



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Success on the field has become an expectation with FSU softball, as the Lady Falcons recorded another winning season, going 19-7 in the West Virginia Conference while posting a respectable 28-20 mark overall.

Spearheaded by seniors Erica Glance and Tara Black, the Falcons put on a late-season surge to nudge past the even-record mark and cruise into the year-end conference play with a 23-17 mark.

After winning three times in the tournament against Concord, Wheeling Jesuit and Glenville, the Lady Falcons could not overcome a tough West Liberty team and dropped a second game in the playoffs to end the season.

Black and Glance have had stellar four-year careers for the Falcons. Both received honors from the West Virginia Conference when Black was named to the 15-member first-team all-conference squad, while Glance, a shortstop from Fairmont, garnered second-team all-league honors.

FSU junior Julie Bolyard and freshman Kristy Rausch were named to the honorable mention team. Bolyard batted .290 on the season and Rausch .342.

"I think, knowing that this was it for me, I didn't want to have any regrets. I wanted to be able to walk off the field knowing I did all I could for my team and myself," Black said, who led FSU during the regular season in batting with a .404 average, 61 hits 37 runs scored, 15 doubles, 9 home runs and 46 RBI (46). Glance hit .300 with 10 doubles, eight homers and 35 RBI.

On the mound, the Falcons were led by Heather Shutler with a 10-9 mark, followed by Alyssa Childers at 8-5, Amy Filius at 7-5 and Whitnie Highland at 2-1.

Black, from Parkersburg, was later named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District softball team. At the 2006 Fairmont State Athletic Association's Scholarship Banquet Black was presented with the prestigious Colebank Award, which is bestowed upon the FS athlete that best represents the institution. Black shared the award with basketball player Ashley Reed.

By Mound staff

Alyssa Childers pitches a fast underhand, hoping to stike out a player from Bluefield.

Julie Bolyard gets ready for action. top right

Erica Glance takes a mighty swing as she hits for extra bases. bottom right

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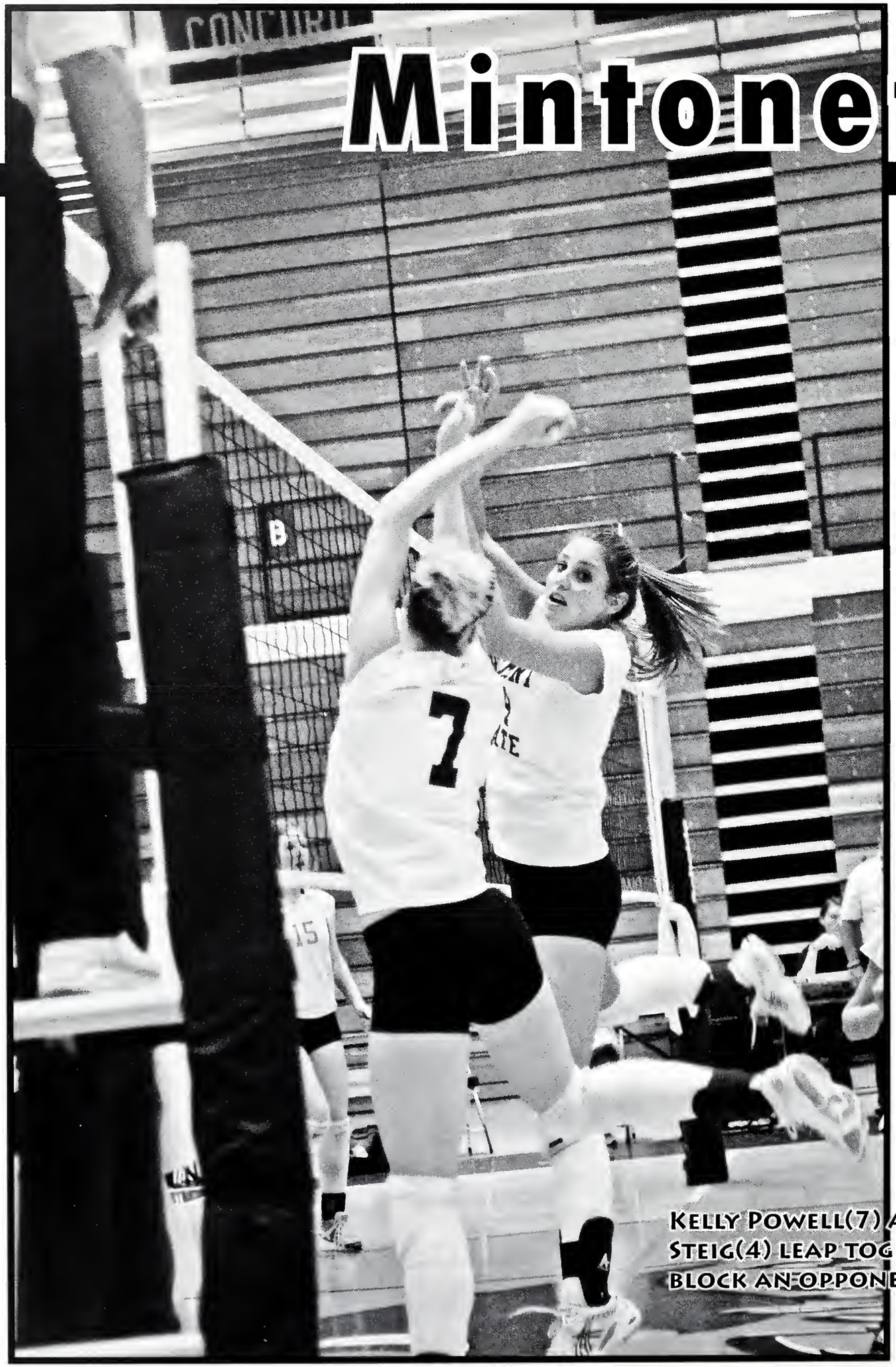


Kelly Powell(7) and Kuirsta
Steig(4) leap together to
block an opponent's shot.

The orginal name of volleyball, created by William Morgan. 1895

The Lady Falcons, relying heavily on underclassmen, as well as its game-tested veterans, posted a 16-4 conference mark and a 20-19 overall record during the 2005-06 season.

"We had a lot of kids returning this season for us who got good experience last year and one of our goals was to improve on our performance from last year and we were able to do that," Coach Larry Hill said the Falcons' web-site interview. "We improved from 9-9 in the conference to 14-4."

Hill said the goal is always to progress and improve as the season goes on. "We played some people pretty tough for the most part," he said.

Led by seniors Kuirsta Steig, Kelli Yednak and Autumn Anderson, Fairmont State took the season all the way to the semi-finals of the West Virginia Conference Championship where they fell to an impressive Wheeling Jesuit College team in three games, 30-17, 30-25 and 30-25.

Juniors who filled big roles included: Tiffany Board, Kelly Powell and Keri Blank. Using a lot of players Hill made sure underclassmen like sophomores Staci Skinner, Hannah Chambers and Courtney Rappold saw plenty of action and made names for themselves. Upcoming freshmen included Jenny Bowers, Alisha Starcher and Kristen Elliot.

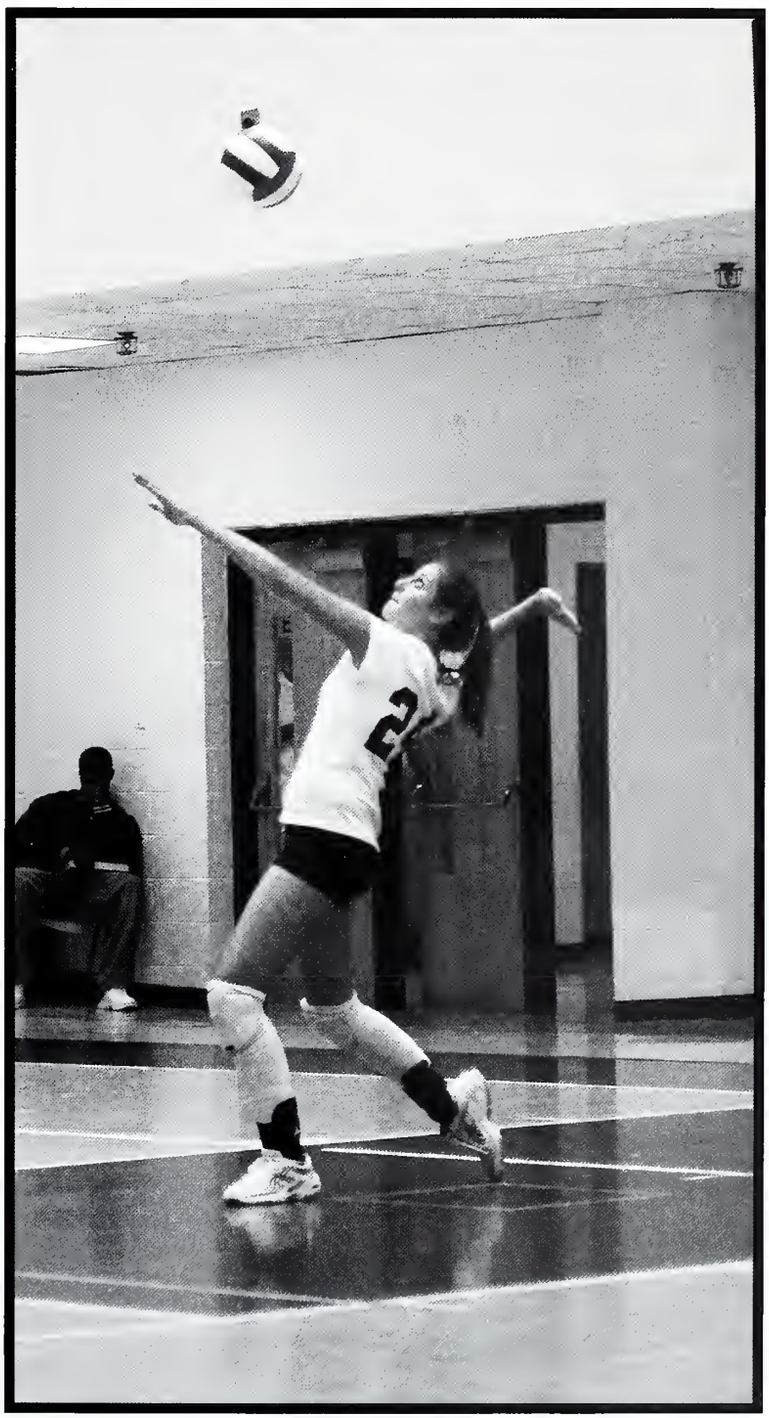
Skinner led the team last season with 480 kills, Rappold with 706 digs and Board with 157 blocks. Chambers lead the squad in minutes played.

Board was named to the All WVIAC Tournament Team.

With talented players returning, Hill said he see no reason why the Falcons will not improve next year in a conference that grows tougher each year.

By Mound staff

Tiffany Board gets ready to serve.



Pom-Poms and Pyramids

Cheering at Fairmont State isn't some afterthought to men's athletics. It's not an extension of a day of football or basketball. Cheerleading here is serious stuff.

Don't believe us, listen to this: Fairmont State's cheerleaders were named in 2006 as one of the nation's to 10 all-girl cheerleading teams in the country by *American Cheerleader Magazine*.

The Falcons have one of the top competitive all-girl cheer teams in the nation over the last 10 years. This is evidenced by the fact the Falcons have been ranked in the top three teams at UCA college cheerleading nationals in the all-girl division. Over that span, the Lady Falcons have claimed five national championships.

Fairmont State's cheerleaders fell short in their attempt this year to defend their 2005 UCA All-Girl Division II Championship at the 2006 UCA Championships at Disney World in Orland, Florida.

As the top-seed following video qualifying competition, Fairmont State was beaten out by West Georgia and Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania. West Georgia claimed the crown.

The Fairmont State Cheerleaders captured their 16th WVIAC Conference title at the WVIAC championshi competition at the Charleston Civic Center.

With the late 2005 win, the Falcon women have won 16 of the last 18 WVIAC competitions, at the Charleston Civic Center during the WVIAC basketball tournaments.

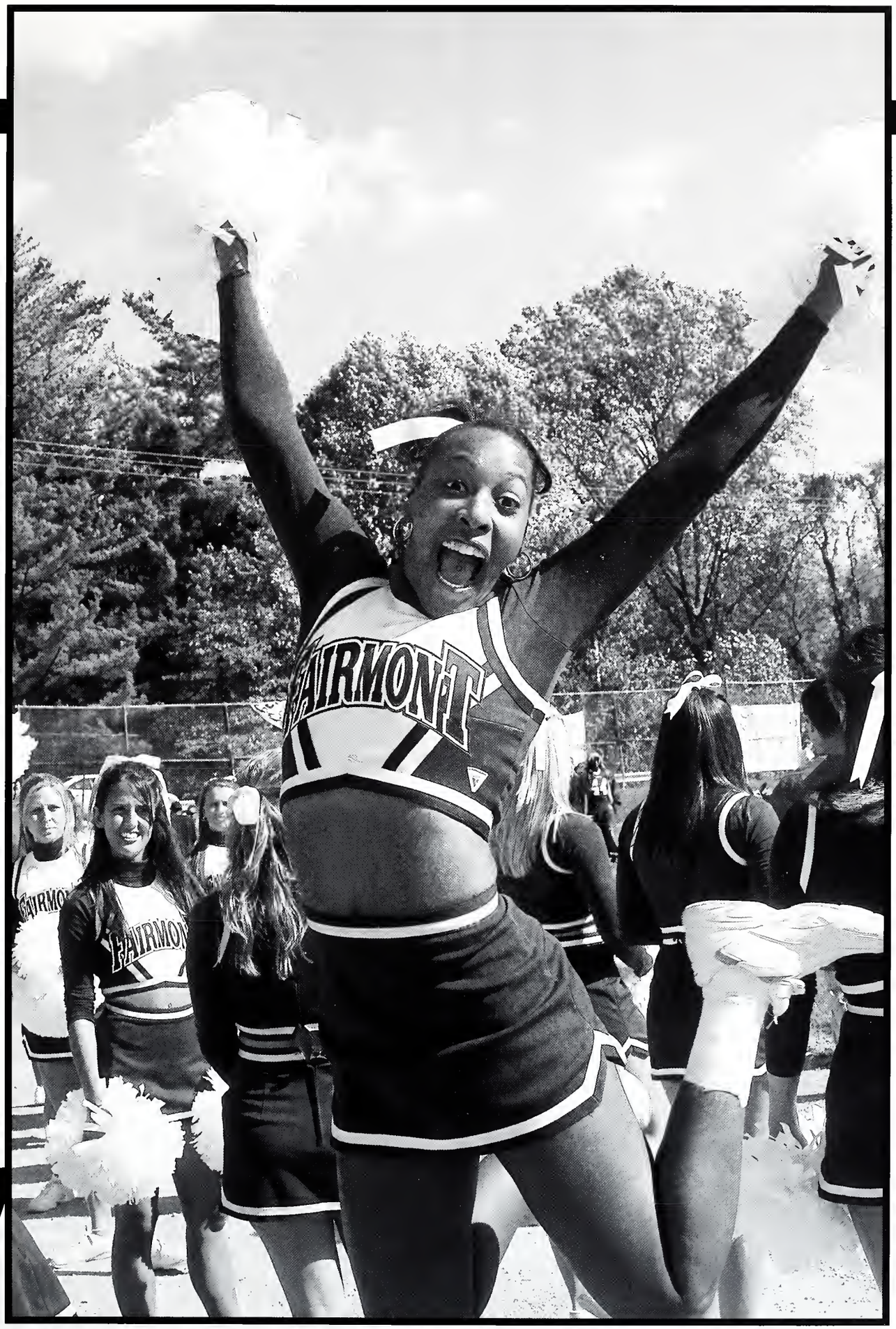
Fairmont State had three cheerleaders named to the 2005 WVIAC All Conference team: Bethany Bolyard, Nikki Humphrey and Jennifer McCarty.

Other cheerleaders include: Shana Barr, Mandy Batton, Tricia Beck, Bethany Bolyard, Kari Chipps, Kiley Conroy, Micaela Davis, Kari Fox, Bailey Garrettson, Coleen Grierson, Ashley Helmstetter, Amanda Hite, Megan Kisamore, Toni Haddox, Brittany Miller, Teri Paxton, Theresa Pedersen, Kerri Philpott, Lacy Sanders, Samantha Suits, Michaelyn Woofter and Carolyn Wright.

Dee (Corder) Johnson is in her sixth year of coaching at Fairmont State, fifth year as head coach. Under Johnson's direction, the Falcon cheerleaders have won five WVIAC Championships, four UCA All-Girl Division II National championships, and a 2nd place finish at the UCA Championships. Johnson cheered for Bridgeport JH and High School as well as Fairmont State College.

BY MOUND STAFI

A large part of any athletic contest is the enthusiasm generated by the cheerleaders and at FSU, we have the best as Micaela Davis demonstrates.



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Sell-It

During a game or at Homecoming, these girls show they are champions. left

On a bright, sunny autumn day the Falcon cheerleaders are ever present, leading the crowd and inspiring the football team to give it their all. They sell enthsiasm.

Academics

Academics are truly what make the choice of college worthwhile. Classes, assignments, projects, and internships provide the foundation for degrees and certification, which verify the professionalism and experience crucial in the competitive work force.

Although it sounds like a promotional cliché, Fairmont State really does have numerous advantages in the world of academia. Compared to larger universities, Fairmont State provides opportunities for one-on-one classroom interaction and a better chance to get to know other classmates and professors. It is comforting to hear a "hello" from students and professors outside of class, as the barriers of anonymity are broken down by the smaller classes. Many professors give papers and presentations in various conferences on and off campus. Instructors often bring up intriguing topics of discussion, expanding content into various real-life scenarios and applying previously complicated concepts into areas of understanding and enjoyment.

The university is made up of seven departments: College of Liberal Arts; College of Science and Technology; School of Business; School of Education; School of Fine Arts; School of Nursing and Allied Health Administration; and Graduate Studies, all of which include major fields of study. The community and technical college includes the following: School of Academic Studies; School of Business, Aviation and Technology; School of Health and Human Services; and Non-Academic Credit Training Programs.

During the Twenty-Ninth Annual Academic Awards Celebration held on May 5, 2006, both professors and students were honored for teaching excellence, advising, achievement, and scholarship among other categories. The ceremony was supported by the Women of Fairmont State and the Fairmont State Foundation. Many other academic achievements and events are listed on the Fairmont State webpage under "Fairmont State Highlights."

By Rachel Skubi

Mound photos by Denise Stutle

Flying Machines

AVIATION MAINTENANCE STUDENTS WORK TOGETHER ON THE LANDING GEAR OF A SMALL AIRCRAFT.

When thinking about airplanes people often wonder how big planes can defy the laws of gravity and stay in the air. Well it's not easy. The aviation maintenance program at Fairmont State University helps teach students how to maintain and fix those planes to keep them in the air.

The aviation maintenance program has 80 to 90 students enrolled in the AAS two year degree an another 15 to 20 students enrolled in the two plus two Bachelor of Science in the aviation maintenanc management program.

With the amount of students who are going through the program, there is no need to have a large staff. The AMP has six full-time AVMT faculty at the National Aerospace Educational Center, located near the Harrison Marion Regional Airport, one full-time teacher at the United Technical Center for high school students, and only one part-time faculty member.

There are two degree opportunities through the program. Under the AAS degree a student can achieve one of the two specializations, aviation maintenance technology or airframe and aerospace electronics. The other degree is a Bachelor of Science in aviation maintenance management. The aviation maintenance technology degree takes two full academic years including two middle summer

semesters. The FAA testing process can take another two summer semesters.

Through the AMP, students gain the skills necessary to apply for jobs working at airports such as; Harrison Marion Regional Airport Aerospace companies, U.S. airline industries, third part aircraft maintenance companies, military and corporate companies.

After 9/11, things with the AMP have changed a bit. "Initially our AMT new enrollments declined about 5 percent the first year. Since that time all enrollments have been at or above normal," said Dr. Pieter Blood, director of the aviation maintenance program.

Blood said all airlines, airport, and aerospace-related employees are required to take random drug tests. If the applicant fails they will be turned down for employment. "Any involvement with drugs will likely lead to dismissal from any aerospace related employment," Dr. Blood said. "Access to "airside" ramps operations generally requires background checks. Any irregularity uncovered in a background check could result in a "no hire" decision."

So needless to say getting into a job with aviation or aerospace-related employment is a long and tedious process. However, the job opportunities through the AMP like working with an airline or third party maintenance organizations may lead to many travel opportunities. Through the exciting world of aviation maintenance, a journeyman in aircraft maintenance can earn $25 to $35 an hour.

The world of aviation and aerospace maintenance changes with each passing day and security gets tighter with each passing second, but the need for maintenance people will always be on high demand.

By Scott Scharnhorst

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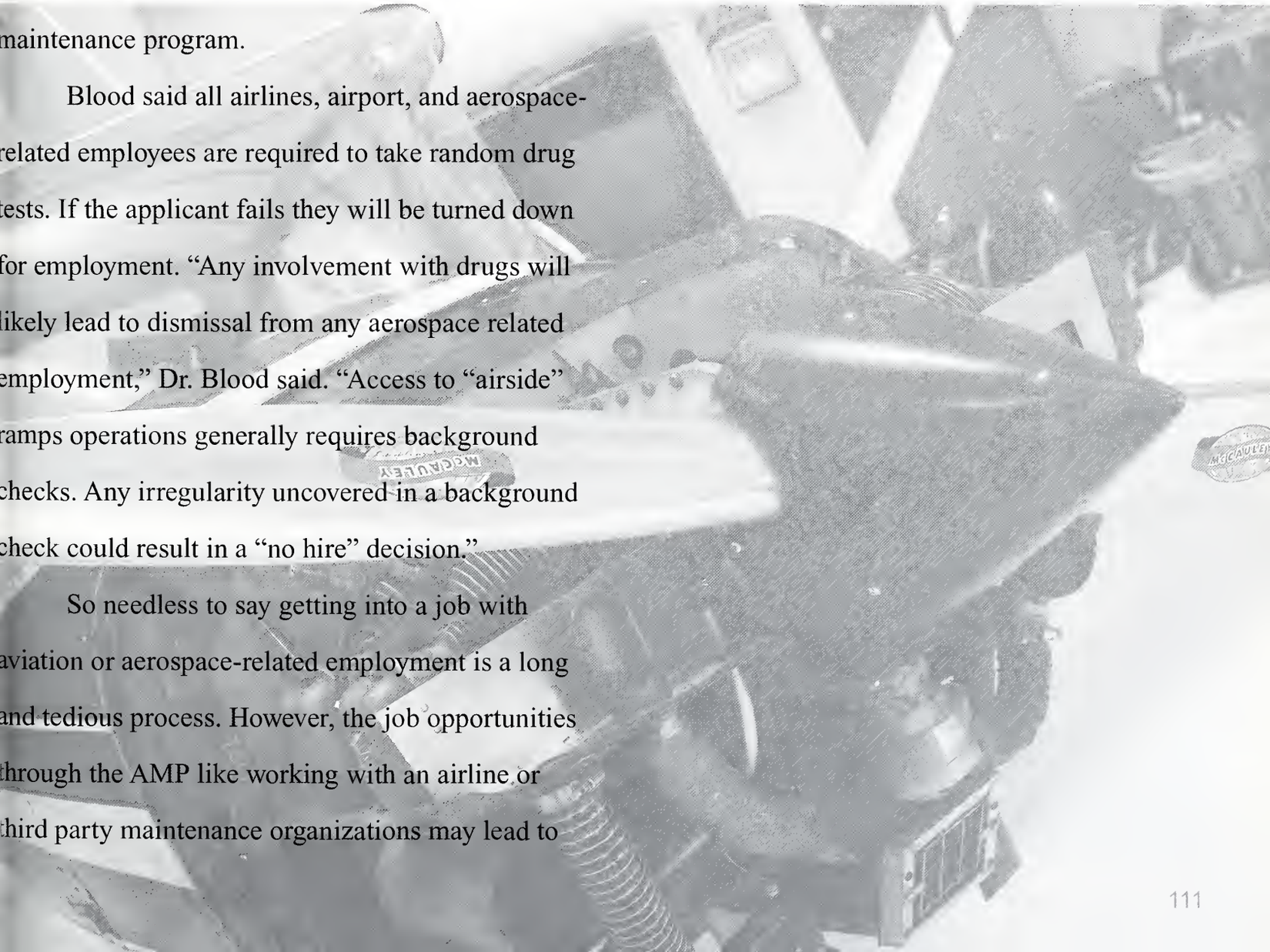


making it look and taste good

At 8 a.m., when most Fairmont State students are dragging themselves to their first class, the kitchen in the Culinary Arts Department is already bustling with activity. Instructor Chef Floyd has assigned his Tuesday morning team of students to prepare a banquet for 25 people to be served at 10 a.m.

"This morning we're making blackberry cobbler, pan-seared trout, bacon and ramp fried potatoes, homemade ice cream, and apple-walnut salad," student Ashley Ledsome said. Ledsome races back and fourth collecting what she needs to bake the cobbler. Like most culinary students she has mastered the art of doing several things at once.

While she works, Ledsome keeps an eye on the progress of classmates at other stations, because it is her turn to act as kitchen manager. Each week culinary students rotate between kitchen manager, server, menu cost, management, and market order to give them practical experience at every area of running a kitchen.

"It prepares you for the future," student Brian Marino said. Marino skillfully slices the ingredient for the bacon and ramp fried potatoes. Like many students in the department, Marino has a clear idea of where he is heading. Even first-year students emerge feeling confident about taking a job in food service. A quick survey of the room will show that very few culinary students waffle about their career choice.

"I'd like to work at a country club, or at the Stonewall Resort as an executive chef," said Tremayne Brown, as he prepares the beverages for the morning banquet. Brown plans to finish his goal of earning a two-year degree in culinary arts, and then return to earn a bachelor in hospitality management. "I want to see how far I can go," Brown said.

Many students, however, do not have to wait for the future to start working in big resorts. Brian Wallace is looking forward to a practicum at the Greenbrier. Wallace, a first year student, will travel to the resort where he and classmate, Caleb Taylor, will live and work during the summer, and return for a second year with a wealth of real-world experience.

This morning Wallace confidently weaves through the kitchen, gathering the components of

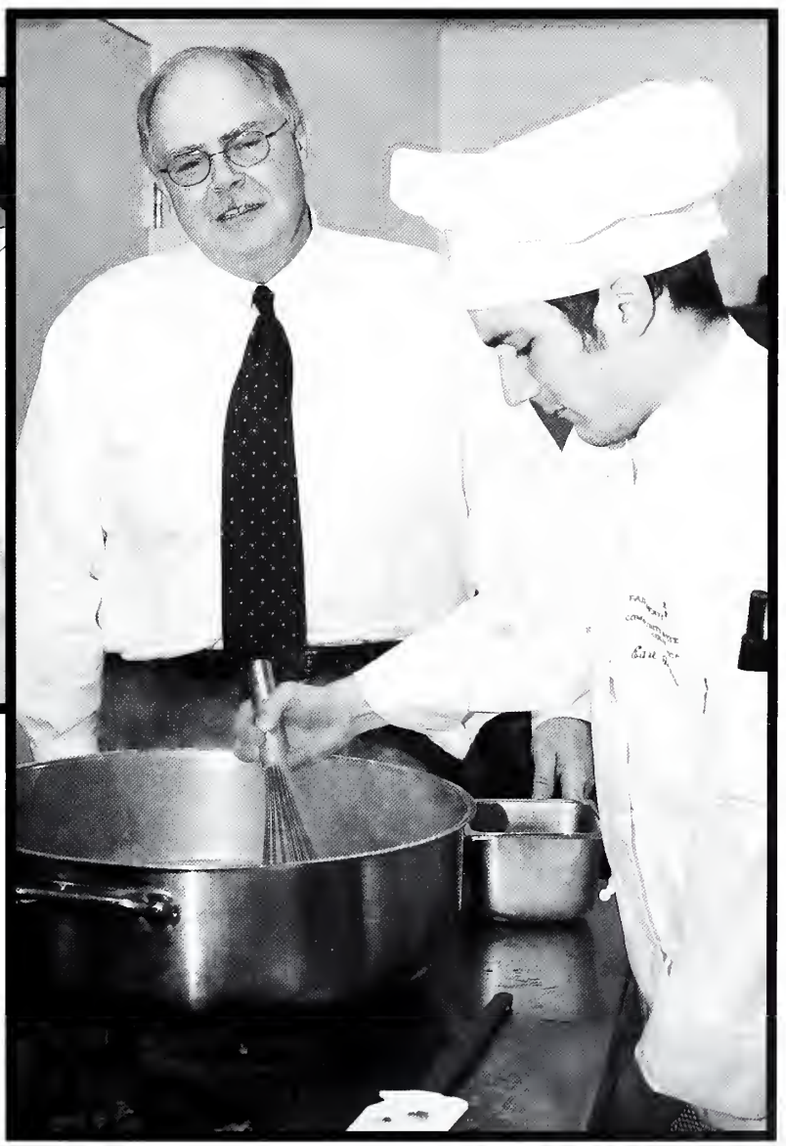
is dish. He calls for crushed red pepper and a hopped onion, and his class mates quickly respond. As the smell of ramps fills the air, it becomes bvious that service time is approaching. The team arrows its focus onto its goal. Teamwork is a kill that all culinary students must master to be a uccess.

"You learn how to cook, you learn how to be atient, and you learn how to work with a team," Matt Cavalier said, summing up his experience in is culinary arts classes. The team spirit among the Tuesday morning class proves Cavalier's words to e true. Any lack of skill, patients, and teamwork would have brought the activity to a halt by now.

"We do this every week," Nila Hudson said, supervising the hustle and bustle. Along with Ledsome, Hudson is taking her turn at working as a kitchen manager. She watches over the team and shows no anxiety about the fast approaching deadline.

As the morning rolls on, the team pulls together another successful banquet. Already, these culinary students have done more work than most students will do all day.

By Jared St. Martin Brown



NSTRUCTORS WATCH CAREFULLY AS AS-PIRING CHEFS WORK IN THE KITCHEN.

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A Helping Hand

A physical therapist assistant (PTA) is a licensed health care provider who works under the direction of a physical therapist. Centered at the Gaston Caperton Center in Clarksburg, students spend time in the health care delivery settings and have an opportunity to practice techniques in the laboratory. A highly qualified instructor, Beverly Born, received the 2003-2004 Paul E. Edwards Award for teaching excellence that creates an atmosphere for success.

It's amazing what a committed student can accomplish during two years in Fairmont State Community and Technical College's physical therapist assistant course, Suellen Hill said. After earning 70 credits over an 18 month period graduates have a 100 percent chance of finding a job in hospitals, clinics, rehabilitation center, nursing care facilities, schools, private practices, and in home health agencies according to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

As a new addition to Fairmont State University studies, the physical therapy program is growing a positive reputation and support from alumni. The field was established at the college

Karen Boso checks the ankle of fellow classmate Emily Yazvac while Robin Davis takes notes on the procedure.

in 1996, since then the school has provided 600 students with the necessary skills to have accomplished careers in the medical field.

Instructors Beverly Born and Suellen Hill look for the best candidates to ensure the program and college's success. Only 20 students are admitted into the course each semester. Students are chosen by academic levels, test scores and achievements in high school. The course is intense, and only serious students are selected. Curriculum requirements are heavily centered on chemistry and physics. Prior knowledge of these subjects is necessary when choosing a career as a physical therapist assistant.

As students enter the program, they became a member of a special family. Students have the privilege of developing a personal relationship with instructors. With a hands-on approach instructors have the opportunity to learn about each student throughout the entire course. Seniors of the physical therapist assistant program instruct and encourage freshmen, creating a chain of success for each new class. Before each student graduates, they become part of a community where helping yourself means helping others too.

Ninety eight percent of graduates from the physical therapist assistant program stay in West Virginia, Suellen Hill said. They take skills into communities and enrich the lives of people they help. Instructors offer their support, patience and understanding to each student and those students learned, from experience, how to treat their patients. They offer hope to those who are suffering. As a patient learns to walk again or tries to regain motor skills, it is the physical therapist assistant who walks beside them every step of the way.

By Becky Cain

Physical Therapy students often talk privately with their instructors about their progress in the class.

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Caring for Animals

Do you love animals? Would you like your career to revolve around the well-being of different types of animals? Are you from around the area? Then the veterinary technician program at Fairmont State is for you.

The veterinary technician program has been at Fairmont State since 1978, when it had its first graduating class. It is the only veterinary technology program in the state. The program is headed by Anna Romano, RVT, who has been teaching at Fairmont for 20 years. There are currently two Registered Veterinary Technicians, including Romano, and three adjunct veterinarians working at the university.

Students who chose to attend the veterinary technician program are evaluated on their high school and college transcripts, GPA, and are usually required to have experience in a veterinary hospital. The two-year program gives students an associate of applied science degree in veterinary technology.

As a part of the curriculum, the veterinary technician students must take part in two preceptorships. There they gain work experience in two different veterinary facilities.

When it comes to job opportunities, "We have a 100 percent job placement in the state and out of state," Romano said.

Graduates usually find jobs in small and large animal clinics, mixed animal practices, research laboratories, pharmaceutical sales, race tracks, and zoos.

The Student Veterinary Technology Association is very active at the university. They get involved with the community in many different ways. Every month the members hold a pet wash where community members can bring their pets for a bath. The students also donate clothing to the Soup Opera during Christmas.

"Our students routinely make donations to the local Humane Society," Romano added.

By Trista Kuhn

Mound photo by Eric Braham

Loosen Up Your Ties

Long recognized as one of the best business schools in West Virginia's college systems, the Fairmont State University School of Business offers programs and core competencies in accounting, economics, finance, information systems, management, marketing, and quantitative methods.

In 2005 the school was accredited by both the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) and the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE).

"Our vision is to build upon our reputation of high quality to become the leading professional business school in the region," said Dean Rebecca Schaupp.

Students enrolled in any of the business programs are required to develop critical thinking skills and to express themselves clearly in both oral and written communication, according to the school's website. Schaupp said these skills are the foundation of a successful career.

"There is a saying that 'knowledge breeds confidence and confidence breeds success and a belief in one's self,'" she said. "The School of Business faculty fully embraces this concept of success and strives to foster it in all our graduates."

Each year companies from the region and all over the nation send representatives to FSU to recruit graduates. Companies range from Fortune 500 companies to local businesses wanting to assist a student with either full-time or summer employment.

There are seven student organizations on campus – Delta Mu Delta, the Falcon Financial Group, the Information Systems Student Organization, National Business Education Association, Student Accountant Society, the Society for Human Resource Management and the Students in Free Enterprise. These groups are designed to help foster the out-of-class experiences that make FSU business students successful and the target of many employers.

By Mound Staff

Dressed for success, this business student explains a pie chart to the rest of the class.

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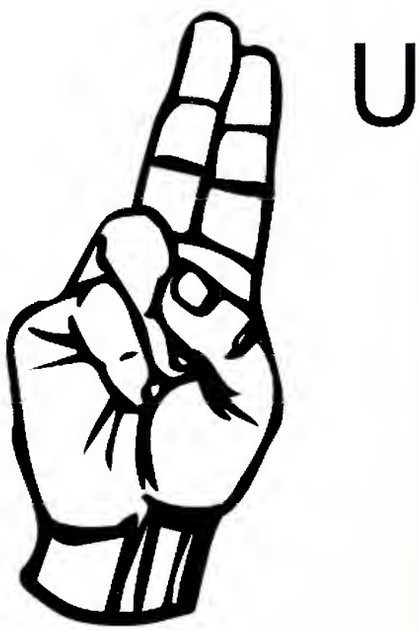
a visual language



Have you ever wanted to help out mankind and get paid for it?

The sign language program has a two-year certificate and a four-year degree that can be put to use in social settings for the hearing impaired. The program has been revamped this semester.

"I am very pleased," April Starks said. "We are in a trial and error stage."

Since the program has been revamped, there are nine who will graduate. The certification program takes a year to complete. This A.S. degree has been around for eight to nine years, and this is the first year for the certificate program, Starks said.

There are only two faculty members in the programs: Ruby Losh and April Starks and their 40 students. "Having few students in it, it's like a close-nit family," Starks said.

"I love it," student Daniel Matheny said.

There are just two degrees in this field: communication certificate and interpreter training. The two programs overlap; it is the first year of the interpreter training program.

Fairmont State Community and Technical College is the only college that offers the American Sign Language Communication program and Interpreter Training Program in West Virginia.

The job opportunities for communication certificate are in daycare, teacher for the hearing impaired, teacher's aide, nursing, and criminal justice. Most of the full-time jobs for interpreter training are in education, but some full-time and part-time jobs are available in education, social agencies, medical sites, mental health facilities, religious institutions, vocational settings, legal sites, public meetings, and criminal justice. Income levels will vary depending on experience, training, location, degree, and situation. "With this extra education, for some, it can help in situations like the mainstreaming of students in the public school systems," Starks said.

"The goal of the program is to serve the community well," Starks said.

By Anne Sedera

An Interpreter for the hearing impaired visually communicates at the 2006 graduation ceremony.

The fashion design program has been at Fairmont State since 1985, and students from all around the world come to Fairmont State to receive an associate's degree of applied science with a major in fashion design. After they complete the two-year associate's degree, students can obtain a bachelor's degree in fashion merchandising.

Beth Newcome, who has been teaching at Fairmont State University for 23 years, works with students to prepare them for the future. The job opportunities in West Virginia include retail management in men's, women's and children's apparel, as well as fabrics and accessories. Students who choose to move out of state have the opportunity to work as company representatives, buyers for large department stores, and workers in the wholesale market. Some students who are part of the fashion design program even go on to fashion design and manufacturing.

Fairmont State encourages their students to work part-time while attending classes so that after they graduate, they will have work experience to go along with their education.

"Fairmont State even provides their students with a work practicum through local department and clothing stores," Newcome said.

The students in the fashion design program are involved in community service activities as well as local charities.

"It feels good that I can use my artistic ability in fashion to help people in need," Natalie White, who is in her first year of the fashion design program, said.

In the fall, the fashion design professors worked while the apparel design students put on a benefit fashion show to raise money for HOPE, a local charity. In the spring, the apparel design students teamed up with the clothing construction students to compete in their own version of "Project Runway." The students designed their own clothes, then went on to showcase their designs in a fashion show. The apparel design students also put on a benefit baby shower for a local family, where they presented their infant and toddler designs.

By Trista Kuhn

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Creative Style and Sense

Precious Counsil learns to sew in a Fashion Design Class.

Fashion Design student Anna DeLong dresses the mannequin located in the Education Building on the first floor.

JUSTICE!

Fairmont State's Criminal Justice Program, founded in the early 1970's, produces individuals who are well-equipped to handle the modern world of law. Freshmen can acquire any level of certification, from an associate's degree all the way to a master's program, and two-year degrees can be extended as students pursue the four-year program. Graduates have many eventual career choices. "There are many jobs available in the public and private sectors: law enforcement at the federal, state, and local level, corrections at all levels, research levels, and many, many more," says program director Les Boggess.

"We also have related programs: the Forensics programs, the Intelligence Research Program, and the two year Homeland Security program," says Boggess. The Homeland Security Program is one of the many ways the program adapts to the changing needs of law in the modern world. Many graduates are employed by Criminal Justice programs around the country. Many students go on to law schools.

"I could cite endless examples of our cooperation over the many years that we have conducted the program." Says Boggess, referring to the combination of the program with local law enforcement.

Students may become involved with the honor society, Alpha Phi Sigma, or with the criminal justice fraternity, Lambda Alpha Epsilon. Both programs are responsible for engaging in numerous activities, both on and off campus. Students become involved in many projects, including various in-depth forensics classes.

Seniors might hold an internship or even undertake a comprehensive 'Evaluation of the Criminal Justice System', a monumental undertaking. Whatever the case may be, graduates of the program are prepared for their vocations in law enforcement. "Many of our graduates are employed by the criminal justice system around the country," says Boggess. Our Criminal Justice Program has been a fixture and a draw for our campus for as long as it's been around. As our school continues to grow and prosper, many of the state's brightest will be drawn to this and other programs offered by FSU.

By Tim Hickey

Professors Warren Baker and Dr. Deanna Shields take part in a "bail your professor out of jail" event to raise money for criminal justice

Law enforcement officers must be trained to expertly use a variety of lethal and non-lethal weapons.

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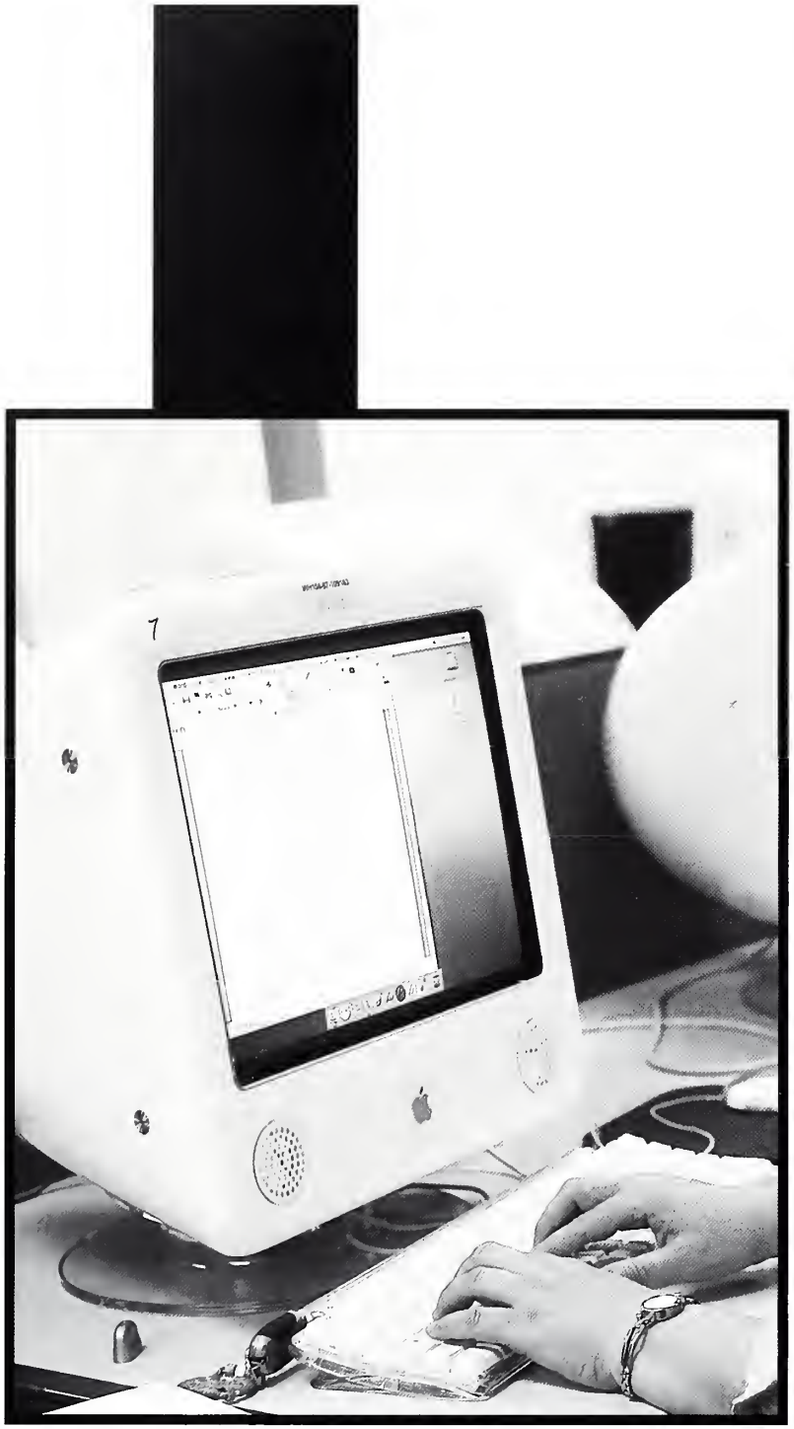
Less Time, Less Worry



Working with computers is a daily part of life. The Office Technology Certificate program teaches the fundamentals you need to succeed.

College isn't just for 2-year and 4-year students anymore. Under the radar are Fairmont State's six certificate programs that take less time and money.

These new programs were created to help someone if they were layed off, currently working on a promotion, or maybe seeking employment. They can create new skills for someone or help to update skills in the ever-changing high-tech world.

Donna Snyder, Coordinator of the Buisness Technology Program School of Buisness, Aviation and Technology, said the advantage to having a certificate is that "it doesn't require many classes and doesn't take a lot of time or money." The programs range anywhere from five courses to one year.

Each of the three certificates last for 18 hours or six classes, and enrollment is less than 10 students.

The Accounting Paraprofessional Certificate prepares students to perform bookkeeping functions in a business office. The functions include payroll, purchase orders, inventory control, and sales records. Graduates are prepared to hold jobs like accounting clerks and assistants.

The Office Technology Certificate is designed for students who want to gain knowledge in office technology. This program emphasizes the most widely used software suites and application and prepares the student for an array of office and administrative tasks. Upon graduation individuals are ready for entry level positions in schools, hospitals, government, or legal and medical offices.

The Administrative Assistant Certificate is available to help students sharpen their skills for today's office settings and to assist them in making a transition from secretarial to administrative assistan and supervisory positions. This program is geared toward students who are currently employed in an office setting and are preparing for promotion.

The next two certificates take a little more time to complete. The Laboratory Assistant Certificate is a one-year certificate program. It is designed to educate and prepare students for work in a variety of settings, including hospitals, clinics, and research facilities under supervision of a technician, analyst, or scientist. After completion of the program, the graduates may directly enter the workforce or have a chance for admittance into one of the associate degree health career programs.

The last program is the CAD Skills Certificate program, which consists of five courses from the current AAS Drafting and Design Engineering Technoloy program. This certificate is available for students either preparing for entry-level work or to further develop the skills needed for the student's current major. Students can also use this certificate to explore potential major choices. Graduates are qualified to begin entry-level positions in engineering, architectural, or manufacturing-related firms, or as a basis for a student to continue their education.

Snyder said, "The programs are good for someone who may be insecure or need to get their foot in the door for furthering their education," and that it may also be helpful "for the currently employed and persons looking for a promotion."

The programs are designed for both traditional and non-traditional students and should be considered by anyone who needs a stepping stone into the college atmosphere. According to Snyder, "The programs will help individuals gain confidence." And in the educational world, that may be just what you are looking for.

By Kelli Gore

Marie Smith will graduate next summer with her Laboratory Assistant Certificate and will be ready to enter the workplace with all the necessary skills.

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HISTORY, REGION, AND RELATION

Roughly 30 students make up Folklore studies, a four-year minor program at Fairmont State University directed by English professor Dr. Judy P. Byers and assistant professor and Folk Cultural Specialist Noel W Tenney.

Folklore studies are offered through the Folklife Center at Fairmont State, which also works in cooperatio with the Technical and Community College. It is offering two new associate degrees this year, museur studies and folk art management and design.

A subdivision of the Language and Literature Department, the four-year minor program requires 19 credi hours and can accompany almost any liberal arts major. The minor offers an overview of the folklore of th central Appalachia region, while the associate programs are more focused on one subject.

The minor offers 15 areas of directed study, including Appalachian (regional /written) literature and film ethnography and process and storytelling, folk dance and urban and popular culture. The program als comes with a practicum related to a specified major in which the student goes out into the community.

One of 14 in the country, the program started in 1998 when Fred Fidura, father of Folklore Studies an former provost, approached Dr. Byers with the idea. However, the study of folklore has been a long time i making. Dr. Ruth Ann Musick, folk tale scholar, archivist and mentor to Dr. Byers, came in 1946 to teach a Fairmont. Along with her legacy, Dr. Musick left Fairmont her estate for academic study which remains i the Folklife Center along with other artifacts open to the public.

Dr. Musick asked Dr. Byers to continue her work in folklore studies before she left in 1974.

"I was very humbled and honored," Dr. Byers said, "but I also knew it was a big commitment." Since ther Dr. Byers has spent her academic life and career to furthering her mentors' work.

The program became founded to "preserver and perpetuate the heritage of our region" Dr. Byers said. Sh holds that if one does not know their past one can not know where they are going. Students of the progran can hope to gain a better understanding of how people in culture live in a community as "everyone is bor into a Folklore" Dr. Byers says.

A junior of FSU and sociology major and education minor found the courses offered to be helpful i

her field of study as a non-minor. Dina Dayton says, "It can relate to any class I take." She states that the classes helped her better understand why people act the way they do and how this behavior is directly connected to sociology. Dayton said the courses also helped her learn about her family history she would otherwise not have known.

Along with classes, the center also offers a study abroad to the public as well as the students called "Roads to Appalachia." "Roads to Appalachia" studies the migration patterns of immigrants to the Appalachian region from all over the world. This year, students traveled to Scotland and Ireland, tracing the steps of those who have migrated here to West Virginia. Available Study scholarships are sponsored by Student Affairs.

The staff of the Folklife Center, now located in Jaynes Hall, plan to renovate the old Kennedy Dairy Barn to make it the new home of the Folklife Center and Visitor Center. They began raising money and will move in as soon as funds are received.

By Rachel Shoemaker

A collection of arts and crafts handmade by the Folk art class is gathered on the table.

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Character and Expression

Expression and Character

Are you interested in an education that involves a wide range of culture, color, and challenge? Fairmont State University provides a wide range of degrees in fine arts for its students. There are degrees in theater, graphics, music, oral communication, speech communication, music, and art. The Fine Arts program has been around about 77 years.

The classes for graphics range from desktop publishing, water color, printmaking, and art structure and applied design. Classes for art education include teaching art, drawing, painting, and art history. Some of the Music Education classes are piano, introduction to education, voice, and percussion. Some of the classes required for these fields are children's drama, mass communication, acting, and voice and dictation. Theater production and test analysis are only some of the classes that are needed for this degree.There are four full-time and three part-time teachers on campus.

The program provides scholarships for people that need a boost. There is also an art organization for the art students to join. "The classrooms have an average of 20 – 25 students, depending on what classes are taken," student Kaleb Murray said, "This makes it easier to have a one-on-one with the teacher. It should make it easier for the students to acquire individual educational opportunities."

"I like how the classes are small and really intimate," Tessa Shackelford said.

The teachers want the students to take as much information as they can from the program to have out in the field.

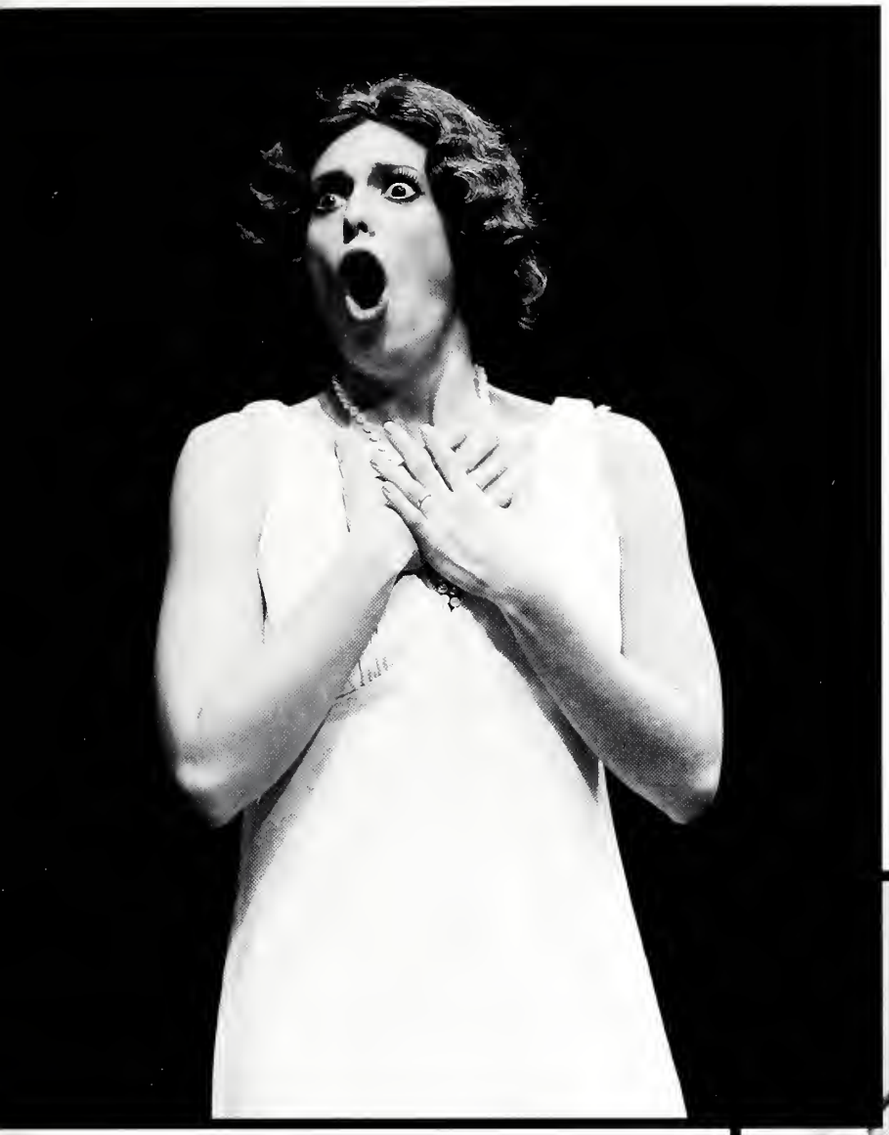
"There needs to be more visiting artist workshops in different medias and visiting scholars in criticism and art history," Dr. Stephen Smigocki said, "There, also needs to be more space for classroom studios and to exhibit class work."

By Anne Sedera

A scene from "Suessical ,the Musical."

Sculpting takes Art off of a flat canvas and brings it to life in three dimensions.

A touching scene between a young couple, from Arthur Miller's "All My Sons."



Guest Director Jeffrey Ingman's, rewritten William Wycherley's 17th century era "The Country Wife" takes places in a roaring 20s performance.

A talented art student adds the finishing touches to her masterpiece.

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Analytical Minds

The largest school at Fairmont State University, the College of Liberal Arts has more majors and more students than any other on campus. It's estimated that about 2,000 students at FSU are in this division. Offering major and minor degree programs in behavioral science, language and literature, and social science, FSU student interests in liberal studies range from sociology to Spanish, from forensics to folklore studies, and political science psychology. There are 13 disciplines in the College. According to the College's promotion material, students are prepared for many opportunities, whether it's a career goal such as law enforcement and social work or professional pursuits in journalism, law or medicine, or graduate preparation in English, foreign languages or history. The college fits a lot of students' plans for life after education.

"A solid foundation in the university's liberal studies courses means you will develop the critical reading, writing, and thinking skills required for success in today's 'global village,"the website says.

"Study in the Liberal Arts disciplines develops both roots and wings," Dean Martin Bond said, "That is, you'll gain invaluable insights and the necessary skills to understand your heritage -- from the Appalachian to the international -- and to achieve previously unimagined flights of success."

By Mound Staff

Lessons for a Lifetime

The Education Department offers classes, programs, observations, and student-teaching to develop students' competencies to encourage, guide, and positively influence young peoples' lives. Students can major in Elementary Education, Secondary Education 5-12, or Multi-Categorical Special Education. All education majors are required to develop a portfolio documenting clinical experience and their own growth in specific areas of the teaching profession, shown in classroom projects, papers, and other artifacts.

Clinical experience takes education majors out of Fairmont State classrooms and into the public school system, where they must meet a list of activities, such as assisting small groups, teaching some lessons, and providing other support in cooperation with assigned teachers. Although some students might at first feel nervous about clinical requirements, the experience is necessary and quite meaningful. Many students end their clinical experience with success, feeling more confident and self-assured in their decisions. Observation and classroom participation better prepares education majors for student-teaching, which is the final requisite for an education degree.

Students interested in the teaching profession can enter their first education course, Education 2200, their sophomore year. In this course, they provide a "Declaration of Intent," a brief statement highlighting their reasons and goals for entering the profession, to the Dean of Teacher Education. Before enrolling in Education 3351 or 3352, students must have taken 48 semester hours as well as taken and passed the PPST, completed Education 3330 and/or 3331, and have a cumulative GPA of 2.75. Additional course requirements as well as other information can be found on the Fairmont State website and handbook.

By Rachel Skubis

Students are given their first look at their future job opportunities at the Education Job Fair, held in the new Falcon Center.

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Students monitor the progress of several liquids as part of an experiment.

A small robot navigates a maze.

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Research and Skill

The College of Science and Technology has many degree options. The College contains three different departments with 16 degree opportunities and four areas of pre-professional studies. With the wide range of degree choices, the College of Science and Technology is very diverse with some of the students majoring in Pre-Medicine and others interested in Aviation Technology. The mission of the College, according to the Fairmont State University website, is to promote effective student learning in science, math and technology and to prepare top-quality graduates for their future endeavors, including graduate study, employment, or other personal goals.

The Biology, Chemistry, and Geoscience Departments contain four out of the 16 degree options. One of the choices is Forensic Science. Forensic Science majors have a unique opportunity to have hands on access to modern research-quality instrumentation, according to the Fairmont State University website. Another option is Science Education. There are four certifications offered in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics for grades nine through 12 and General Science for grades five to 12.

The Technology Department has nine degree options. Five of the nine options are various types of engineering degrees. Senior Safety/ Environmental Engineering Technology major Josh Harper said "I believe that I am well prepared to start my job in August because of the excellent instructions I received during the time I spent in this program." The field of Technology Education will give graduates the opportunity to teach students to understand, use, and control technology.

The Computer Science, Math and Physics Department offers three degree opportunities. One of the options, Computer Science and Computer Security Program, has two different degrees for students to choose. The Computer Security Program was recently started in 2004. The computer field is constantly growing and graduates can find employment in a wide spectrum of fields such as commercial companies and government agencies.

By Rachel Skubis

Healing Assistance

Fairmont State lost one of it's educational pillars this year with the retirement of long-time faculty member Dr. Deborah Kisner, dean of the FSU School of Nursing and Allied Health Administration. Kisner's retirement capped a 30-year career at FSU. A Washington, Pa. native, she has been at Fairmont State since 1976. Before starting her career at Fairmont State, she worked as a nurse at Fairmont General Hospital and Monongalia General Hospital.

She started as an instructor at FS in 1971 and while working at FS, she received a master of science in nursing degree and a doctorate degree in curriculum and instruction from West Virginia University.

She moved from assistant professor to associate professor to full professor and director and professor of nursing education. She officially retired in December, 2005.

"(Dr. Kisner's) expertise in her academic areas enabled her to find some very creative solutions to challenging problems during her terms as chair and then as dean. She has certainly brought honor to Fairmont State and has given the institution her total commitment. We will miss her," Anne Patterson, dean at FSU, said.

During Kisner's years at FS, the nursing program relocated from the basements in Colebank Hall, Wallman Hall and Hunt-Haught Hall to the Education Building situated in the center of the campus.

"It was amazing how the move changed the attitudes of both the students and faculty alike and made us become a vital part of the campus community," she said in an interview with FSU officials. "I think that has been most rewarding, seeing the students coming into the program and growing in skill and in knowledge over a very short period of time," she said.

"I think you have to have a good solid work ethic. You also have to have compassion and to be willing to go the extra yard, academically, physically and mentally. You have to be a strong critical thinker," she said.

Fairmont State's nursing program is recognized throughout the state and region as one of the top programs offering degrees in nursing and allied health.

More than 250 students are currently pursuing degrees and over 1,800 graduates are practicing in health care positions and facilities throughout the country, according to nursing officials.

The bachelor of science in nursing and BS in allied health administration programs offer students holding associate degree in health professions an opportunity to enhance and further their opportunities "beyond the bedside and clinical practice area to the management and leadership arena or graduate education."

Many FSU students maintain full-time employment while working on their degrees by taking evening classes and on weekends. If courses are taken on a full-time basis, most students can complete the degree program in two years, beyond the associate degree.

In recent years the program has joined with Marshall University to offer a graduate degree. Those earning a bachelor's degree in nursing can pursue a master's degree in nursing via Marshall University at Fairmont State.

The nursing programs enhance learning through live interactive televised classes that connect the Fairmont campus with Clarksburg, Bluefield, Charleston, Huntington and West Liberty sharing classroom discussion and faculty expertise throughout the state, according to officials.

Many students do clincials in area hospitals and other health care facilities.

By Mound Staff

FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY SENDS ANOTHER GROUP OF REGISTERED NURSES INTO THE WORK FORCE. STUDENTS WHO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM ARE GIVEN A PIN AT AN ANNUAL PINNING CEREMONY.

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Type and Screen

The Medical Laboratory Technology Program at Fairmont State University offers a two-year associate's degree in Applied Science, coordinated by Dr. Rosemarie Romesburg. The program is accredited through the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS).

The program is allotted 13 new students a year proportionate to space according to Dr. Romesburg. She states she would like to see the lab expanded and see more students in the program.

The MLT program trains students to perform a range of laboratory tests in blood banking, chemistry, hematology, immunology, microbiology, and urinalysis. The program introduces students to theory accompanied by clinical labs.

After introduction to theory, they are placed in a hospital lab for 16 weeks of clinical practicum where the students are introduced to instrumentation. Some affiliated hospitals included; Davis Memorial Hospital, Fairmont General Hospital, Grafton City Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, Preston Memorial Hospital, Stonewall Jackson Hospital, The Washington Hospital, Washington, PA; The Institute for Transfusion Medicine, Pittsburgh, United Hospital Center, and Louis A. Johnson V.A. Medical Center.

Professor Eve Anne Moore says students are well prepared to go into the work force. "I feel they are better trained then WVU's four year program," Moore said, "because they get the hands on training."

"The program also provides a good foundation for medical school," says the class president. The credits ,however, will not transfer. Luke Haney plans to go on to med school after getting his associate of applied science. "It is putting me in on the right path," Haney said.

As far as jobs go there is great opportunity in the field as there is a shortage of personnel, according to Moore. Job openings in the field are expected to increase 18- 26 percent in the next few years due to the upcoming retirement of the baby-boomer and the decline in MLT programs. "Programs are expensive to run," Moore said. "There are not enough students going into it."

By Rachel Shoemaker

April Talkington checks and labels samples to be tested at the VA Medical Center, in Clarksburg.

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Food Service Management

A fast growing department at Fairmont State University is Food Service Management. Ever since the program received accreditation from the American Culinary Federation in 2003, the number of students enrolled has quintupled.

The rising interest in pursuing careers in food service may be due to America's rising enthusiasm for fine dining. New restaurants are popping up on every corner, and cooking shows fill the air waves.

"It's a big industry right now and there are always jobs available," said Pam Hamilton, program coordinator of Food Service Management. With such a promising outlook, a career in food service has become an appealing option for many young people.

For those seeking the best possible start to their food service career, FSU's unique program offers many advantages. One advantage is that all of the food service training and experience at FSU comes as part of a quality college education.

"Some students from Penn Culinary have come here for a college degree," Hamilton said, pointing out that students who complete the training at the Pennsylvania Culinary Institute do not receive college credit.

FSU allows students to choose from a four-year B.S. in business administration hospitality management, a two year A.A.S. in dietary management, resort/hotel, pastry and baking, and food service management, or a one-year certificate program. Each degree is designed to give students an edge in the industry.

"We're hoping our degrees will position students to enter early management and work their way up," Hamilton said.

Another advantage is getting to work with a highly experience professional staff. The instructors of FSU Food Service Management programs are Certified Executive Chefs. In addition to learning from full-time faculty members like Chef Brian Floyd, students can also expect to work with several experienced adjunct faculty like Chef Dale Hawkins from the Stonewall Resort. The program also works with Aladdin Food Service, Inc., the company which provides food service to the university. Chef Jay Mahoney doubles as an executive chef in the Falcon Center and an instructor in the culinary arts program.

In addition to working with several chefs, students will be given opportunities to sharpen their skills in many real world settings. While the Stonewall Resort has provided internships to many, some students have chosen to do their food service practicum in places such as Disney World.

"The sky is the limit," Hamilton said, "If students want to do their practicum in Hawaii, Chef Floyd has contacts in Hawaii."

Last, and certainly not least, another major advantage to a food service education at FSU is cost. Students can expect to pay an affordable tuition and receive a lot for their money. With all of these advantages, it's no wonder so many interested in food service careers are turning their attention to the Food Service Management programs at FSU.

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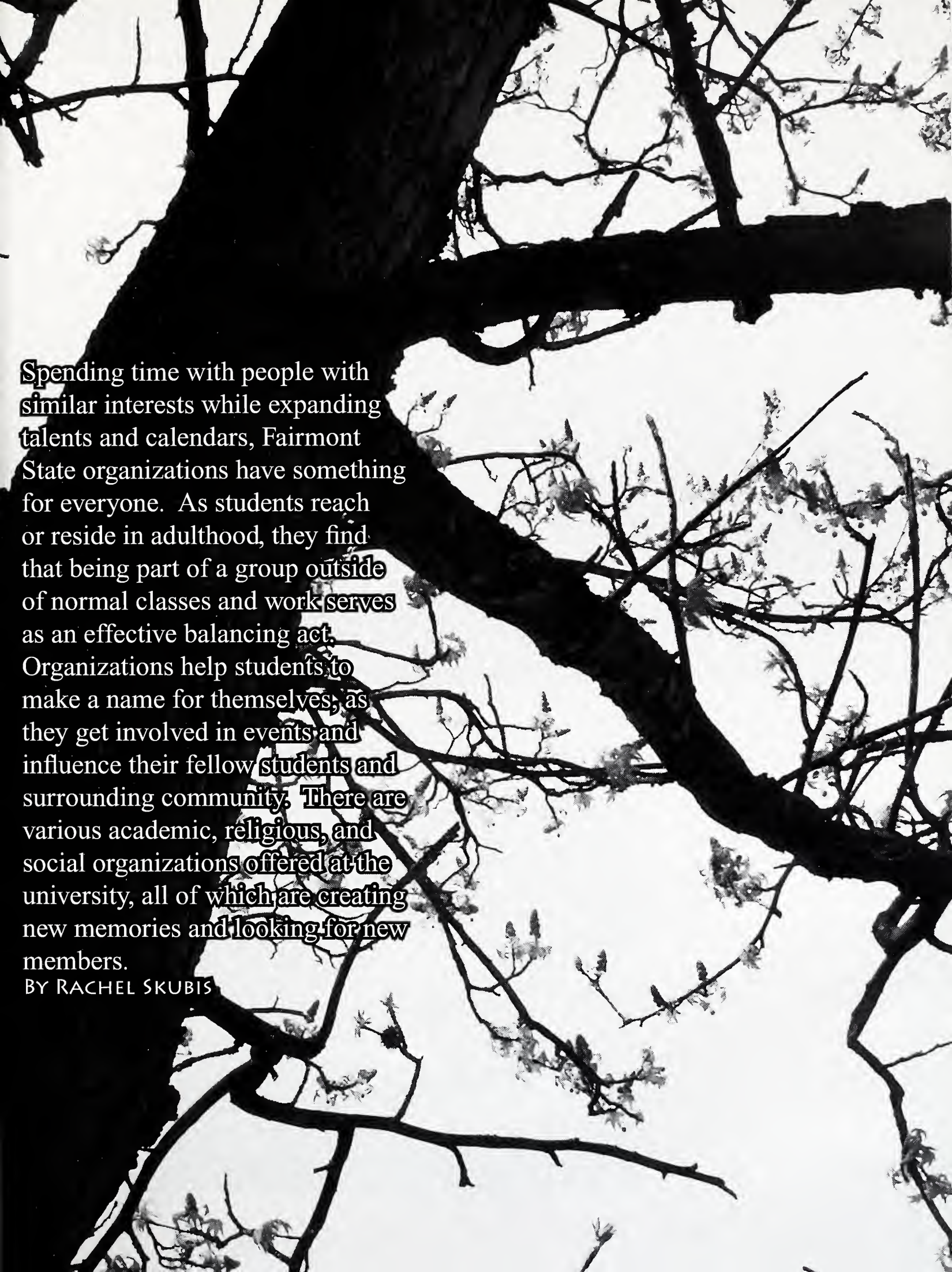

Spending time with people with similar interests while expanding talents and calendars, Fairmont State organizations have something for everyone. As students reach or reside in adulthood, they find that being part of a group outside of normal classes and work serves as an effective balancing act. Organizations help students to make a name for themselves, as they get involved in events and influence their fellow students and surrounding community. There are various academic, religious, and social organizations offered at the university, all of which are creating new memories and looking for new members.

BY RACHEL SKUBIS

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BLACK STUDENT UNION

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There are many words that come to mind with the topic of college; among these are organizations, socialization, and that occasional procrastination that accompanies projects, papers, and other deadlines. Students have surely sipped on more than a few cups of coffee or other caffeinated drinks in morning classes and have tried other maneuvers for energy boosts on those late-night studying sessions. All that work…the headaches…the rush from school to work, from work to school, and from school to school (for those who have children of their own) is almost painful to read, let alone follow on a daily basis. A stress-induced nerve might grapple one's mind, "Why bother?" The logic behind the muddle, however, proves to be the strongest and most reliable component. The rush becomes less of a fuss as the final assignments are turned in, the semesters wrap up, and the final grades are at last posted.

At times it might have felt like a long and dark journey, but after reaching our destination, 20/20 vision victoriously comes back through hindsight and, of course, through regained sanity and revised internal time-clocks. The theme of this book states, "More than meets the eye," which is honest in all aspects. The academic year concludes in a vast collection of vision and insight, developing patterns and lessons to be used in future circumstances and to at last attain final illumination. The professors and students can look back with a smile and think to themselves, "Job well done." And that it surely is.

By Rachel Skubis

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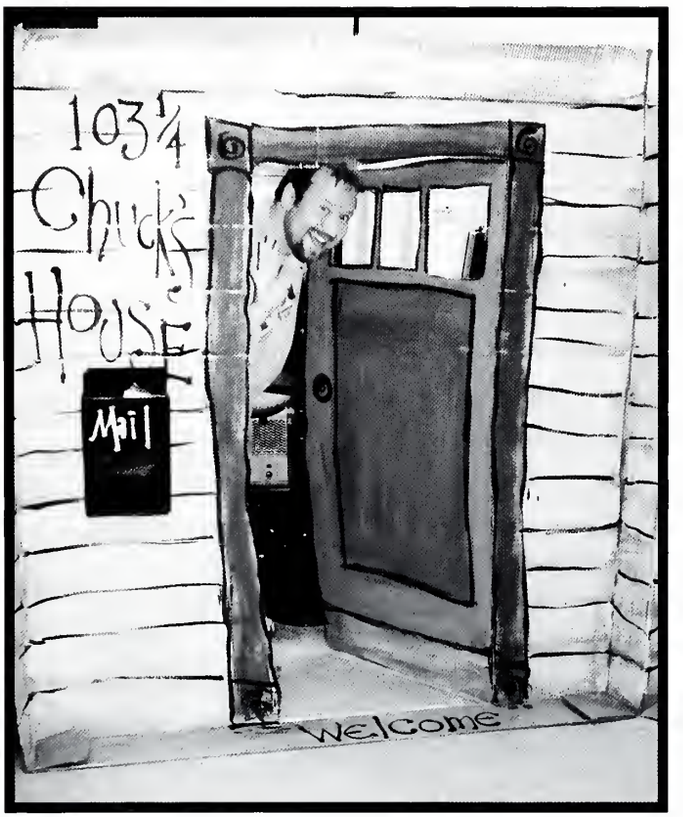

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